

Job Description	
JOB TITLE	Policy and Advocacy Advisor
CAREER STEP	Independent
REPORTING RELATIONSHIP	Head, Impact & Engagement, Australia
DIVISION	Impact & Engagement
EMPLOYMENT DURATION	Two years, with possibility of extension
TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT	Full-time (37.5 hours per week)
LOCATION	Expected to work from Sydney office 1-2 days per week

About The George Institute

The George Institute for Global Health was established in 1999 with a mission to improve the health of millions of people worldwide, particularly underserved populations, by challenging the status quo and using innovative approaches to prevent and treat the world's biggest killers: non-communicable diseases and injury.

With offices in Australia, China, India and the UK, our 700+ people support 245+ active projects and clinical trials across 50+ countries, with 400+ more staff across our social enterprises. We focus on the global health challenges that cause the greatest loss of life, the greatest impairment of life quality and the most substantial economic burden, particularly in resource-poor settings.

Together with our academic partners, UNSW Sydney in Australia, Manipal Academy of Higher Education in India and Imperial College London in the United Kingdom, we work with a global network of collaborators, undertaking clinical, population and health systems research.

What we do

- Lead world-class, large-scale clinical trials, epidemiological studies and health systems research to transform treatments and healthcare delivery
- Look beyond single diseases, across the life course, to identify patient-centred approaches to care that can be implemented at scale
- Develop low-cost, innovative solutions to global unmet needs
- Drive our global impact through a program of research, advocacy, thought leadership and disruptive social entrepreneurship

For more information about The George Institute, visit www.georgeinstitute.org.

Context of the Role

The Impact & Engagement (I&E) program supports the achievement of the research impact goals set out under the strategic research priorities by:

- Supporting a focus on impact within TGI from the earliest stages of research, by increasing awareness and understanding of the policy environment, and supporting researchers to develop meaningful 'pathways to impact';
- Facilitating coordinated engagement with policymakers and other key stakeholders, including developing and/or strengthening relationships with potential partners and collaborators; and



- Promoting evidence from TGI's research that has clear and specific implications for policy and/or practice, and advocating for change in line with those implications.

Impact & Engagement team members in Australia, India and the UK work collaboratively, sharing expertise and evidence. The team also ensures a two-way relationship between regional activities and multilateral and global engagement, which is led by the Global Director with the UK-based Policy and Advocacy Advisor (UK and multilaterals).

The Role

- The George Institute seeks to employ a Policy and Advocacy Advisor, who will support the development and implementation of a program of strategic engagement with government and other stakeholders to support the achievement of the Institute's goals.
- The position holder will work directly with TGI's researchers and support the I&E team's government and stakeholder engagement to improve health outcomes of communities experiencing marginalisation in both high- and low-resource contexts.
- The position holder will also work with other members of the global Impact & Engagement team in the UK and India, on cross-regional initiatives and to link activities in Australia/the Pacific region with those at a global level and elsewhere.

Reporting Relationships

Reports to Head, Impact & Engagement, TGI Australia. No managerial responsibilities anticipated

Duties and Key Responsibilities

Collaborates with *internal parties*

- Researchers in Australia, to align advocacy, stakeholder engagement and other activities with the Institute's strategic priorities, under the direction of the Head, Impact & Engagement
- Researchers in Australia, to help develop and implement meaningful pathways to impact, and identify opportunities for policy engagement and advocacy activities
- Colleagues in the I&E team, to identify opportunities to support thought leadership goals, and for collaboration across regions and amplification of activities at the global level
- Communications and development colleagues in Australia and elsewhere, to enable co-ordination and collaboration across activities

Collaborates with *external parties*

- Government stakeholders, multilateral representatives in Australia and other stakeholders, to support the development of mutually beneficial partnerships and help ensure TGI's research addresses key evidence gaps and has an impact on policy and practice
- Civil society groups, NGOs, Australia/Pacific-based advocacy networks and community-based organisations, to build collaborations and partnerships (as above), amplify advocacy initiatives and centre the voices of people with lived experience
- Colleagues at the University of New South Wales, to support collaboration and identify opportunities for TGI's researchers

Key responsibilities

- Contribute to the implementation of an advocacy and policy engagement strategy, aligned with strategic research priorities and I&E team objectives
- Maintain an awareness of developments in agreed health policy focus areas in Australia, in order to advise colleagues on advocacy and engagement opportunities and challenges



- Respond to government consultations and calls for evidence, and organise policy briefings, roundtables and other events
- Support a focus on impact within TGI Australia from the earliest stages of research, by increasing awareness and understanding of the policy environment, and supporting researchers to develop meaningful 'pathways to impact'
- Facilitate engagement between researchers and local, regional, national and international policymakers including representatives of healthcare providers, multilaterals, and funders
- Engage with civil society groups, NGOs, Australia/Pacific-based advocacy networks and community-based organisations, to build collaborations and partnerships, amplify advocacy initiatives and centre the voices of people with lived experience in the Institute's research
- Support the development of compelling materials and activities promoting evidence from TGI's research that has clear implications for policy and/or practice
- Support obtaining funding through the inclusion of I&E activities in successful research applications, and by winning commissions for standalone advocacy/policy engagement activities

As a Team Member:

- Participate in special projects to improve processes, tools, systems and organisation;
- Take responsibility for personal learning and development and for setting achievable and meaningful work objectives and managing personal targets, meeting obligations of The Institute's Performance Management and Development Policy;
- Demonstrate commitment to The Institute's organisational values, including performing to an exceptionally high ethical standard and focus on integrity, collaboration and teamwork in all efforts.

Work, Health and Safety

- Comply with Work Health and Safety legislation and operate in accordance with established Occupational Health and Safety practice and procedures at the Institute;
- Promote and contribute to a safe, secure environment for staff and visitors.

Skills, Knowledge and Experience

Capabilities required

- Support the I&E team's government and stakeholder engagement through preparation of briefs, correspondence and submissions Demonstrated excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to understand and interpret complex research and scientific projects and to communicate key messages to specialist and non-specialist audiences in an engaging and accessible manner
- Strong interpersonal skills, with a proven ability to build and maintain strong, effective working relationships
- Ability to provide project coordination and support to I&E projects
- Ability to work within tight deadlines prioritizing and managing workflow and ensuring high-quality outputs
- Ability to travel in Australia and internationally if/when appropriate
- Ability to demonstrate a commitment to The George Institute's values and model these in all aspects of your work

Experience required

Essential

- Experience of advocacy, policy influencing and strategy development in the global health or related sectors
- Experience of stakeholder coordination across multiple organisations and teams



- Experience of building and sustaining strong, mutually beneficial partnerships to achieve impactful outcomes

Desirable

- Experience of working in an academic research environment
- Experience of engaging with relevant Australian Government departments and the Parliamentary system
- Experience of relevant health advocacy and policy issues in Australia and globally