Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity, UNSW Australia

**Expression of interest for Gudaga Research Program Leader**
(Senior Research Fellow/Associate Professor)

We are looking for a Gudaga Research Program Leader at the Centre for Health Equity Training Research and Evaluation (CHETRE) based in Liverpool, NSW, part of the Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity, UNSW Australia. The Program Leader will join the Gudaga leadership team and work with the Chief Investigators to implement, disseminate and further develop the Program.

**Who are we?**
We have worked closely with the Aboriginal community in south western Sydney (SWS) for more than 15 years to identify the health and health service needs of Aboriginal children and their families in the region, to undertake research and related activities, and to advocate for services to address the needs of the community. We have developed a substantial research program in Aboriginal child and family health that is known as the Gudaga Research Program, including:

- **The Gudaga Study**: an NHMRC funded Study (3 grants; $3.5m) describing the health, development, and service context of urban Aboriginal children from birth to 9 years of age.
- **Gudaga Goes to School**: an ARC funded ecological study ($400k) of school transition and the early years of school for Aboriginal children in an urban community.
- **The Bulundidi Gudaga Study**: an NHMRC funded study ($2.1m) of the impact of sustained nurse home visiting on outcomes for Aboriginal infants, compared with a non-Aboriginal group.
- **Gudaga Research Dissemination Project**: a project that is jointly funded by the SWS Local Health District and Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation to support dissemination of findings and promote their use in the development of services to improve the health of the Aboriginal community.

**Who are we looking for?**
This position combines the roles of program manager and research leader. As program manager, it involves working with the Director of CHETRE and the Gudaga Research Program Chief Investigators to effectively manage the program’s staff, research processes and dissemination, and maintain productive relationships with our many partners and stakeholders. As research leader it involves taking a leading role in the ongoing development of the program, including promotion of the research, sourcing funding, and working with stakeholders to identify new opportunities for research and intervention to improve outcomes for urban Aboriginal children and young people.

The position would suit someone who is interested in developing a research career in child and adolescent health and development, working in partnership with a large local urban Aboriginal community. It will require a person with a strong or emerging track record in attracting grants and publishing relevant research, experience in managing a complex research program and working with a wide range of stakeholders, including Aboriginal communities and organisations, government, health services and service providers, and consumer/community organisations. The position is at level C (Senior Research Fellow) or D (Associate Professor). It is funded through grant funding from the NHMRC, which will support the position to mid-2016. The Program has had consistent grant funding success for over a decade. We would expect that there will be great potential for new funding with the appointment of the applicant.

**Enquiries**
We would be keen to hear from researchers of both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage who may be interested in this career opportunity. To find out more about the Centre or the position, contact the Director of CHETRE, A/Prof. Lynn Kemp on 61 2 8738 9310 / l.kemp@unsw.edu.au, or visit our website (www.cphce.unsw.edu.au) where the latest annual report can be downloaded.