



**PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
INSTITUTE OF  
MEDICAL RESEARCH**

**POSITION VACANCY**

**TB Research Fellow**

The Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research (PNGIMR) is a statutory organization tasked with conducting medical research into the primary health problems facing the people of Papua New Guinea. It produces research of international quality that attracts global attention and funding from a variety of international agencies.

The PNGIMR and other collaborating partners are working together on PRIME-TB Program to establish two knowledge hubs in PNG that can pilot and scale up successful innovations in TB case detection and models of care, conduct enhanced molecular and epidemiological surveillances, supporting the micro-elimination of Tuberculosis.

**Summary of the position:**

The TB Research Fellow will be based full-time at PNGIMR, preferably in East New Britain (or Port Moresby). The role will work in close collaboration with PRIME-TB program funded by DFAT through the Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security. The collaborating partners include PNG Institute of Medical research, the PNG National Department of Health, the Provincial Health Authorities, Burnet Institute, Universitas Gadjah Mada (Indonesia) and Menzies School of Health Research. The main focus of this role will be on the case finding and preventative treatment, improving access to person-centred care and access to innovative diagnostic and treatments.

**Reporting and supervision:**

Reporting to the Principal Investigator, the TB Research Fellow will work closely with all collaborating partners and key stakeholders of the PRIME – TB Program.

**Key Responsibilities:**

- i) To carry out, oversee and co-ordinate the TB micro-elimination pilot study of evidence-based TB treatments and innovations to determine their suitability for scaling up to other areas.
- ii) Overseeing and support laboratory staffs to provide rapid molecular testing for TB and TB drug resistance and provide data for enhanced surveillance to target TB micro- elimination programs.
- iii) Facilitating the financial and record management, and reporting of PRIME - TB project.
- iv) Develop and rollout training programs, toolkits and provide resources for health care workers and public health partners on TB micro-elimination program working with collaborating partners.
- v) Mentor TB health workers on effective clinical management of TB patients.
- vi) Maintain regular communication and coordination with key stakeholders – co-investigators, study collaborators, PHAs, NDoH and partners.
- vii) Contribute to preparation of progress and study reports including analysis and manuscript writing.

**Minimum Requirements:**

- Must possess a post graduate qualification or MBBS qualification.
- Experience working within TB Clinic.
- Experience of clinical field research.
- Excellent understanding of PNG Health regulations and practice standards.
- Understanding of research project methodology.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Strong initiative and self-motivation to progress project aims.
- Strong organizational skills.

**Salary and Benefits:**

Competitive salary & benefits will be offered based on PNGIMR salary structure and will be negotiated with preferred candidate. A copy of the job description is available on our website – <https://www.pngimr.org.pg>

**Application closes on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Please send your application and current CV to:**

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