Appointment of Principal Research Fellow (Level D)/Senior Principal Research Fellow (Level E) in Gynaecologic Oncology Research

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On behalf of the University I welcome your interest in the position of Principal Research Fellow/Senior Principal Research Fellow, created to provide academic leadership and direction in world-class gynaecologic oncology research.

The University is now ranked 4th in Australia and has a significant reputation internationally as a result of being of being ranked 87th in the world by the internationally recognised Academic Ranking of World Universities published by China’s Shanghai Jiao Tong University. Our success continues a trend that has seen UWA leap 39 places globally since 2008.

The University continues to build on its reputation for excellence and is a major research contributor in the medical and health sectors and other areas that align with national research and innovation priorities.

This new academic position in the School of Women’s and Infants’ Health provides a challenging and exciting opportunity for a suitably qualified person with an established record of achievement in cancer research. We are seeking to appoint a leading academic to build on the academic presence in this discipline and develop a team in their specific area of interest.

The Principal Research Fellow/ Senior Principal Research Fellow in Gynaecologic Oncology Research will facilitate linkages to research projects within the UWA School of Women’s and Infants’ Health, the Western Australia Gynaecologic Cancer Service and St John of God Subiaco Hospital to benefit from substantial collaborative opportunities and augment existing programs.

I invite you to consider the exciting possibilities available for this new position.

Professor Paul Johnson
Vice-Chancellor
The School of Women’s and Infants’ Health (SWIH) is located on the campus of King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEMH), Subiaco, Western Australia. KEMH is the sole tertiary level centre for perinatal medicine and women’s health in Western Australia and each year conducts 5,000 to 6,000 births from a state-wide referral base of 30,000 births.

The School is recognised as one of Australia’s premier sources of academic leadership in the health care for women of all ages. We value high quality and diverse teaching and learning fora, and a comprehensive evidenced-based curriculum that promotes critical thinking and problem solving and professional and personal development of future health professionals. We value innovative research of a high international standard and ethical basis, and of a rigorous scientific nature, aimed at improving clinical practice. We value well-developed communication skills and respectful collaborative relationships within the School, the University, our community and beyond. We promote and value professional excellence and effective leadership at all levels.

The School is seeking an outstanding research scientist to work with current staff to drive a program of internationally recognised research in gynaecologic oncology. The successful applicant will be recognised at a national and international level as an authority in their discipline.

On behalf of the School, I welcome your application.

John Newnham AM
Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (Maternal Fetal Medicine)
On behalf of the UWA School of Women’s and Infants’ Health, the Western Australia Gynaecologic Cancer Service and St John of God Subiaco Hospital, we look forward to welcoming a leading research scientist to join our team of enthusiastic and dedicated clinical scientists.

Western Australia is uniquely placed for world-class research with a stable population base, a single state-wide Gynaecologic Oncology service looking after over 96 per cent of all gynaecologic cancer patients, a Biospecimen Bank, access to data linkage, and existing strong collaborations within the State, nationally and internationally.

The successful applicant will have the opportunity to make a significant contribution to meaningful research that will change the lives of our patients for the better.

Yee Leung
Professor of Gynaecologic Oncology
School of Women’s and Infants’ Health
Head, WA Gynaecologic Cancer Service
Director, Surgical Education, KEMH
The University of Western Australia

A dynamic and progressive institution, The University of Western Australia is a member of the prestigious Group-of-Eight partnership of leading Australian research-intensive universities. It is recognised internationally as an excellent teaching and research university, and a leading intellectual and creative resource to the community it serves.

The University of Western Australia is a high-quality research-intensive university with a broad and balanced coverage of disciplines in the arts, science and major professions. It is Western Australia’s oldest university, established in 1911, and currently has a student population of approximately 25,000.

The University has acquired an international reputation for excellence and enterprise and is regarded as one of Australia’s best research institutions. Its strong research culture sees it attract high levels of competitive research funding. At the same time the University places great emphasis on high quality in teaching and learning, and is committed to the development of innovative and responsive programs. It has focused on the teaching research nexus, so that teaching and learning take place in an atmosphere of research scholarship.

The University’s high quality teaching and research ensure it remains the university of preference for Western Australia’s highest achieving school leavers, as well as attracting high-calibre undergraduate and postgraduate students from around the nation and overseas. The quality of the student population is extremely high by national and international standards.

The University is recognised nationally and internationally for the quality of its academic staff and has strong strategic partnerships with industry, the professions and government. It operates in collaboration with other research intensive universities in Australia and around the world. The University of Western Australia graduates are highly competitive internationally, achieving success in higher study and in wide-ranging fields of employment. Many graduates have risen to prominence in leadership roles in industry, government, education and the professions, in Australia and internationally.
The Faculty of Medicine was initially established in 1956. The medical course is undertaken at the Crawley campus of the University and the community health centres, and in the following hospitals: Armadale Hospital, Bentley Hospital, Fremantle Hospital, Graylands Hospital, Hollywood Private Hospital, Joondalup Health Campus, King Edward Memorial Hospital for Women, Osborne Park Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, Rockingham Hospital, Royal Perth Hospital, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and St John of God Hospital (Subiaco).

The Faculty of Dentistry, originally named Faculty of Dental Science, was established in 1946. Teaching is undertaken at the Crawley campus of the University, in the Oral Health Centre of Western Australia complex at the Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre, and at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children. The combined Faculty is now known as the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences.

Specific information on the Faculty may be found at meddent.uwa.edu.au
School of Women’s and Infants’ Health

The University Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology was established in 1957 as one of the Foundation Departments of the UWA Medical School. Professor Gordon King was appointed as both the inaugural Head of Department and the inaugural Dean of the Medical School. He had been recruited in 1956 by Sir Stanley Prescott, then Vice-Chancellor of the University after their meeting in Hong Kong.

Professor John Newnham AM was appointed to the University and the position of Head of Department in April 1999. He previously had been a staff Maternal Fetal Medicine specialist working in KEMH. A strong recruitment strategy commenced and today the School consists of three Chairs, two Associate Professors, four Senior Lecturers, a number of Research Fellows, professional research and administrative staff. The University re-structured in 2002 with the creation of Schools rather than Departments and the University Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology was re-named the School of Women’s and Infants’ Health.

The School’s research laboratories had been closed in 1991. These facilities were re-commissioned in 2001 with the appointment of two research scientists. A new Principal Research Fellow was appointed in 2007 to head the laboratories. The equipment required for the laboratories has been purchased with grants from competitive funding agencies, Channel 7 Telethon, Lions Clubs, and private donors, largely through the Women and Infants Research Foundation (WIRF). Since 2001, the School’s laboratories have expanded to include a Tissue Culture Laboratory. The completion of a four-year renovation of the School’s laboratories within the Large Animal Facility (LAF) on the main University campus means the School now operates a state-of-the-art suite of three molecular and microbiological laboratories closely linked with the LAF’s operating theatres. These unique facilities allow our researchers to move seamlessly from large animal surgery to laboratory analysis.

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Role – Principal Research Fellow (Level D)

The Principal Research Fellow in Gynaecologic Oncology will provide leadership and foster excellence in gynaecologic oncology research. The appointee will be recognised at a national and international level in their discipline.

- Drive a program of internationally recognised gynaecologic oncology research, with success in national/international grant funding.
- Provide leadership in postgraduate research training.
- Provide leadership to foster a culture of innovative research and an environment of research excellence through the development of transformational research projects.
- Communicate research findings through scientific publications.
- Liaise and effectively communicate with relevant sections of the community and professional bodies.
- Enhance the relationships between clinicians and laboratory scientists, collaborate with other laboratories and research institutes, and foster links that add to the profile of the School at a national and international level.

Selection criteria

- A PhD or equivalent is essential
- Publications of a substantial body of work in peer-reviewed journals in their field of cancer research.
- Demonstrated ability to provide leadership in an academic environment.
- A capacity to work in a multidisciplinary team.
- High level interpersonal skills to communicate effectively with members of the academic and medical staff and, where appropriate, professional bodies, industry and the general community.
- A personal commitment to, and evidence of, fostering postgraduate research training.
- A personal commitment to, and achievement in, scholarly research.
- Demonstrated success in achieving competitive funding.
- Demonstrated commitment to the principles of equity and diversity.

Role – Senior Principal Research Fellow (Level E)

The Senior Principal Research Fellow in Gynaecologic Oncology will provide leadership and foster excellence in gynaecologic oncology research. The appointee will be recognised at a national and international level as an authority in their discipline.

The appointee will work in close collaboration with staff from the School of Women’s and Infants’ Health, the Western Australian Gynaecologic Cancer Service, the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, and the St John of God Subiaco Hospital Cancer Research Group to:

- Drive a program of internationally recognised gynaecologic oncology research, with success in national/international grant funding.
- Provide leadership in postgraduate research training.
- Provide leadership to foster a culture of innovative research and an environment of research excellence through the development of transformational research projects.
- Communicate research findings through scientific publications.
- Liaise and effectively communicate with relevant sections of the community and professional bodies.
- Enhance the relationships between clinicians and laboratory scientists, collaborate with other laboratories and research institutes, and foster links that add to the profile of the School at a national and international level.

Selection criteria

- A PhD or equivalent is essential
- Publications of a substantial body of work in peer-reviewed journals demonstrating international eminence in their field of cancer research.
- Recognition at a national and international level as an authority in their field of cancer research.
- Ability to provide leadership in an academic environment.
- A capacity to work in a multidisciplinary team.
- High level interpersonal skills to communicate effectively with members of the academic and medical staff and, where appropriate, professional bodies, industry and the general community.
Conditions of employment

The appointment at either Level D or Level E will be for a fixed term period of five years with the possibility for further periods depending on funding. An attractive and flexibly constructed remuneration package will be negotiated and will include:

- Professorial salary; Employer contribution to superannuation of 17% salary;
- Recreation leave of 20 working days per annum;
- Long service leave;

A generous support package is available.

Further, reasonable assistance will be provided for relocation including air fares for the appointee and dependents.

- A personal commitment to, and evidence of, fostering postgraduate research training, including successful supervision of postgraduate students
- A personal commitment to, and achievement in, scholarly research.
- Demonstrated experience in the development of research policy
- Ability to foster the research of others and to work harmoniously with colleagues and students.
- Demonstrated success in achieving competitive national and international funding.
- Demonstrated commitment to the principles of equity and diversity.
Western Australia and Perth

The resource rich State of Western Australia is the economic powerhouse of Australia. Western Australia is the principal Australian supplier of natural resources and energy to international partners, including China, India, Japan, South Korea and much of South East Asia. Western Australia’s diverse inventory of minerals and energy, as well as its agricultural and fisheries resources, account for 25 per cent of the nation’s exports and place the State at the heart of Australian economic growth and transformation.

Western Australia and its capital Perth occupy the same time zone as 60 per cent of the world’s population and the nations that promise the greatest economic growth of the 21st century. Western Australia is also Australia’s largest state, covering some 2.5 million square kilometres and 12,500 kilometres of coastline, including some of the most ancient landscapes in the world. The State’s population is matching the rapid growth of the economy and is over two million.

Perth is a cosmopolitan city, with wide ethnic and cultural diversity. The City centre is on the Swan River, 12 kilometres from the Indian Ocean port of Fremantle.

The city enjoys a Mediterranean climate, with more hours of sunshine than any other capital city in Australia. Summers are hot and dry and the winters mild and wet. Perth’s world-famous beaches and rivers, extensive parklands and variety of restaurants and cafes provide a superb living environment. For more information see: tourism.wa.gov.au

Perth is well served with art galleries, theatres and cinemas and is home to the WA Symphony Orchestra, the WA Ballet and the WA Opera. The cultural highlight of the year is the Perth International Arts Festival, founded and owned by The University of Western Australia: uwa.edu.au/perthfestival

Western Australia’s five universities and wide variety of public and private schools, vocational institutions and English language colleges provide quality assured education with flexible study pathways and state-of-the art facilities. Perth continues to build its reputation as a destination for international students seeking a quality education: studyperth.com.au
Applications

Thank you for your interest. If you wish to proceed, the following information will assist you with your application. Refer also to the selection criteria on page 10.

There are no specific application forms to complete. Your application must include the following:

- A statement that clearly demonstrates the extent to which you satisfy each of the selection criteria;
- Evidence of the impact of your research beyond academia, such as through contributions made to the economy, society, culture, public policy or services, health, the environment, or quality of life;
- A curriculum vitae that provides your personal details, qualifications and work history;
- A list of publications;
- The names, email, mailing addresses and the telephone contact details of three referees who can be contacted for a confidential report. Please note that your permission will be sought before referees are contacted.

Please also note: If you are the successful candidate for this position and you are not an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a permanent resident of Australia, you will be required to obtain an entry visa to work here. The University of Western Australia will sponsor you for employment in Australia under the Employer Nomination Scheme.

Lodging your application

Formal applications are welcome from 12th October 2015 and expressions of interest can be sent in the meantime to Professor Yee Leung.

Please follow the link to Principal Research Fellow/Senior Principal Research Fellow in the School of Women’s and Infants’ Health on the following webpage:

Closing date
Friday 27th November, 2015

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