RESEARCH ASSISTANT, CANCER RESEARCH

* **Make an important contribution to the health of children through medical**
* **research**
* **Work with one of Australia’s most respected national and independent medical research institutes**
* **Located in Westmead**, **one of Sydney’s and Australia’s major biomedical research hubs**

Children’s Medical Research Institute (CMRI) was Australia’s first dedicated paediatric research facility and is now one of the world’s most highly regarded independent medical research centres. Our research focuses on the areas of cancer, embryonic development and birth defects, neuroscience and gene therapy and we have a strong international reputation based on our research outcomes. It is also home to the world-first proteomics project, ProCan, which is changing the way cancer is diagnosed and treated. CMRI’s research programs are supported by state-of-the-art facilities and committed research and support staff. Our achievements are made possible by a loyal network of community supporters, highly engaged donors, and the very successful Jeans for Genes® fundraising campaign.

Applications are invited for the position of Research Assistant in the Telomere Length Regulation Unit (TLRU), which forms part of the broader Cancer Research Program at CMRI. Research in the TLRU focuses on telomere maintenance mechanisms, DNA damage and repair pathways, and the identification and characterization of novel cancer therapeutic targets. The successful candidate will report directly to Professor Pickett, Head of the TLRU, and will be a dynamic and committed individual, holding a Bachelor of Science degree or equivalent in a relevant area. The role will involve a variety of molecular biology, biochemistry, and microscopy techniques, that will include cell culture, PCR and protein expression/purification. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in molecular biology and proteomics. A high level of attention to detail is required, including meticulous and methodical bench work, organization, and detailed reporting.

The successful candidate will work both independently and as part of the larger vibrant research unit. There will be opportunities for further career development, depending on the interests of the successful candidate. The appointment is initially for a fixed term of 12 months, with continuation subject to the availability of funding.

You will be provided with a competitive remuneration package in accordance with qualifications and experience. Additional benefits include the provision of a Public Benevolent Institution salary packaging scheme and participation in an employer-contributed superannuation fund.

Applications should include a cover letter (**citing PV2202**), curriculum vitae and contact details (phone/email) of three professional referees, and be forwarded to recruitment@cmri.org.au

Closing date for applications is **31st January 2022.**

Please direct enquiries regarding the position to Prof Hilda Pickett, Head of the TLRU: hpickett@cmri.org.au