INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

for appointment as

Associate Professor/Senior Lecturer (Clinical Psychology)
(Confirmation Path, Part-time)

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE
UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO, WELLINGTON

The University of Otago, Wellington

The University of Otago’s Wellington campus was established in 1974. Extensive renovations in 2009 provide an excellent environment for learning and an outstanding library facility. An introduction to the campus by the Dean and Head of Campus, Professor Peter Crampton, is available at: http://www.otago.ac.nz/humanresources/induction/aboutotago/campus-locations.php

Just under half of the Campus’s total student EFTs enrolments are undergraduate medical students. In addition to the MB ChB course, the Campus has New Zealand’s only Medical Radiation Therapy programme (a three year undergraduate course), and offers a wide-range of postgraduate programmes for medical and non-medical graduates. The University of Otago, Wellington is situated adjacent to Wellington Hospital.

It has nine academic departments:

- Medicine (Associate Professor Stewart Mann)
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology (Professor Kevin Pringle)
- Paediatrics and Child Health (Professor Marie Johannesson)
- Pathology and Molecular Medicine (Acting HoD: Dr Michael Humble)
- Primary Health Care and General Practice (Dr Susan Pullon)
- Psychological Medicine (Professor Pete Ellis)
- Public Health (Professor Richard Edwards)
- Radiation Therapy (Ms Karen Coleman)
- Surgery and Anaesthesia (Associate Professor Duncan Galletly)

In addition, there are extensive student support and learning facilities on site, including a new medical library, teaching rooms, and computer facility.

The Campus has research strengths in a number of areas, and a research income in 2009 of around $15 million. All the Campus’s academic departments are research active, and there are a number of well established research groups including, the Wellington Asthma Research Group, the Dental Research Group, the Eru Pomare Māori Health Research Centre, He Kainga Oranga, the Housing and Health Research Programme, and the Health Inequalities Research Programme. The Campus produced 406 peer reviewed papers in 2009.

The School has a close relationship with several of the 20 District Health Boards that provide health services in New Zealand. These include Capital & Coast District Health Board in Wellington; Hutt Valley District Health Board; and Wairarapa District Health Board in the immediate area; and MidCentral Health in Palmerston North and Hawkes Bay District Health Board in the wider region. The Campus’s Sleep Investigation Centre, WellSleep is based at a private hospital, Bowen Hospital. The Campus forms part of the Division of Health Sciences of the University of Otago.
The University of Otago

The University of Otago has its main campus within the urban area of Dunedin and was established in 1869, making it the oldest university in New Zealand. The University also has campuses in Christchurch, Wellington, Invercargill and a centre in Auckland.

The University currently has over 19,000 equivalent full-time students, enrolled over a wide range of disciplines, and is organised into four teaching Divisions: Commerce, Health Sciences, Humanities and Sciences. The Division of Health Sciences will have approximately 5,600 equivalent full-time students enrolled in 2011.

The University is New Zealand’s most research-intensive university and is the top-ranked New Zealand University for research quality.

More information about the University is available on its website www.otago.ac.nz.

The Division of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Medicine, University of Otago

The Division of Health Sciences of the University of Otago incorporates the Faculty of Medicine (Dunedin School of Medicine; University of Otago, Christchurch; University of Otago, Wellington; Otago School of Medical Sciences), the Faculty of Dentistry, and the Schools of Pharmacy and Physiotherapy. The University of Otago Medical School was founded in Dunedin in 1874 and, until the establishment of the University of Auckland School of Medicine in 1967, was the only medical school in New Zealand. The University Schools of the Faculty of Medicine commenced operations in Christchurch and Wellington in 1973 and 1977 respectively to provide the range of patients and facilities required to meet modern teaching standards for an expanded intake of students. Before the establishment of these two Schools, the University of Otago had Branch Medical Faculties in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

The University of Otago MB ChB is a six-year course. The Health Sciences First Year Programme provides initial studies as a foundation for entry to medical school. Annually more than 250 domestic students are selected after the Health Sciences First Year Programme or as graduate or other category entrants to enter the second year of the course. The University also provides undergraduate medical training for some international students.

The second and third year Early Learning in Medicine course is an integrated programme undertaken by all students at the Dunedin campus of the Faculty of Medicine. Students then progress, at the beginning of the fourth year of their studies, to the Dunedin School of Medicine (DSM), University of Otago, Christchurch or University of Otago, Wellington Schools of Medicine and Health Sciences for their Advanced Learning in Medicine programmes. The Trainee Intern programme in the sixth year of the course includes a three-month elective and has a strong focus on clinical apprenticeship, with increasing responsibility for patient care.

In addition to the MB ChB a wide range of postgraduate programmes is offered across the Division for medical and non-medical graduates.
Department of Psychological Medicine

The Department of Psychological Medicine at the University of Otago, Wellington includes six academic staff, a varying number of full time research staff and three administrative staff. There are four PhD students enrolled in the Department. The major research interests of the Department include: mental health service delivery, mental health epidemiology, suicide research, medical education, and psychological aspects of physical illness.

The current staff of the Department of Psychological Medicine are: Professor Pete Ellis, Head of Department (psychiatrist); Dr Joanna MacDonald (psychiatrist); Dr Mark Huthwaite (psychiatrist); Professor Sarah Romans (psychiatrist); Ms Fiona Mathieson (clinical psychologist); Elliot Bell (clinical psychologist); and Antony Brewer (family therapist). All staff have some clinical commitment, mostly part-time clinical appointments within Capital Coast Health Limited.

Teaching
Department staff teach in both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching programmes. These include contributions to the undergraduate medical course; postgraduate training in psychiatry; the Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma (in alternating years) in Health Sciences (Cognitive Behaviour Therapy); and the Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (Family and Systemic Therapies).

Research
Each senior member of the academic staff is expected to develop a research programme. Research is funded largely by outside granting bodies such as the Health Research Council of New Zealand, the Wellington Medical Research Foundation and New Zealand Lottery Grants Board. The Wellington Medical Research Foundation welcomes applications for pilot projects.

Wellington City
Wellington, the capital city of New Zealand, prides itself on being the nation’s cultural and artistic capital. It is a compact and interesting city, with a cosmopolitan centre surrounded by a rugged coastline and a stunning harbour. It offers many social, cultural, recreational and gastronomic opportunities to relax and revitalise, with more cafes per capita than New York! It is a two hour drive from some of the country’s best vineyards and four hours from excellent skiing opportunities.

More information is available from www.wcc.govt.nz, the City Council website, or www.wellingtonnz.com, which highlights city attractions.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Duties and Responsibilities

- The successful applicant for this position will be expected to contribute to teaching of medical students in particular and other departmental teaching programmes listed above, depending on their particular expertise. They will be encouraged to supervise doctoral students if appropriately qualified. All staff are expected to contribute to Departmental and Faculty examination duties.
- Particular emphasis will be placed on the applicant’s research track record and capacity to attract external research funding and research students.
- The successful candidate will be responsible to the Head of Department, Professor Pete Ellis and will undertake duties, as set out below.
Prime Functions

**Academic**
To become an integral part of a team of academic mental health professionals, including playing an active role in:
- Undergraduate and Postgraduate teaching, as determined by the Head of Department.
- Review of existing and development of new curricula, as appropriate.
- Undertaking research in the field of mental health.

**Clinical**
To obtain an appropriate position to undertake clinical work within one year of appointment, to ensure that clinical expertise is developed in support of clinical teaching. An appointment for at least one day a week would be expected. The University cannot provide such a position, but will use its best endeavours to support an applicant in finding such a position.

Main Objectives

**Academic**
- To contribute to undergraduate medical student teaching.
- To contribute, on a relevant specialist topic(s), to the postgraduate training programme in psychiatry.
- To contribute to Departmental and Faculty examination duties.
- To continue/develop a research programme and make application for external funding support within one year of appointment.

Relationships

**Directly responsible to:** Head of the Department of Psychological Medicine, and through that person to the Dean.

**Supervision of:**
There are no specific responsibilities for supervision of other staff. Responsible for supervision of post-graduate students, as appropriate.

**Functional relationships with:** Other members of the Department of Psychological Medicine, members of other Departments in the University of Otago, Wellington, members of other Departments of Psychological Medicine in the University of Otago, in Christchurch and Dunedin, and clinical colleagues in the greater Wellington region.

Budgetary Responsibility

Only those related to research grants held.

Expected Outcomes

**Academic Teaching**
- Ensure that teaching duties are undertaken effectively and in a timely manner and receive at least satisfactory evaluation in the University teaching evaluation process.
- Ensure that the relevant student assessments are conducted efficiently and reported promptly.
Research
- By the end of the first year after taking up this appointment, the appointee will have applied for at least one research grant to support their research programme.
- As part of the confirmation process, the appointee will be expected to submit at least three papers to peer-reviewed journals, and/or present the results of that research at major national and international meetings. (This could include papers supervised by the appointee).
- Appointees at Associate Professorial level are expected to demonstrate sustained outstanding competence in research and to have an established programme of research.

Service
- The appointee will be an active member of the Department of Psychological Medicine.
- The appointee will contribute, on an occasional basis, to additional teaching requests for external groups or to cover illness by departmental colleagues.

Person Specification
- The appointee will have an appropriate qualification in clinical psychology to obtain registration as a registered psychologist in New Zealand.
- Expertise in clinical teaching.
- A commitment to research is required.
- Possession of a research degree is considered desirable.
- The ability to work independently and also as a team member.

Date of Appointment
Applicants are asked to indicate the date they would expect to be available to take up the appointment.

Tenure
This is a part-time confirmation path appointment. The appointment will be made on a 0.8 FTE basis, but appointment on a 0.6 FTE basis would be considered.

Equal Employment Opportunities Policy
The University of Otago, Wellington is strongly committed to diversity in staffing and we encourage applications from women and other under-represented groups who are suitably qualified. Parental leave without pay of up to 52 weeks and paid parental leave of up to 12 weeks’ salary and two weeks of paid leave for partners employed by the University may be granted.