

ENDING STIs



The project is working closely with communities and health providers to reduce the prevalence and improve management of sexually transmissible infections (STIs) in Indigenous communities in the Central Queensland region. This is a 5-year project (2021-2025) funded by an NHMRC grant and led by Professor James Ward from the University of Queensland Poche Centre for Indigenous Health.

Become a Community Researcher

We are inviting community researchers to join this project. You will be paid for your time and contribution and complete 2-3 days of research training. You will then recruit and conduct interviews with four friends or acquaintances (i.e. people you already know). You will also participate in debriefing interviews with researchers to discuss the interviews you did with your peers. Additional research work opportunities may also be available.

Part of this research includes conducting interviews with young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to understand

- 1) the values and beliefs they hold about sex and sexual relationships, and
- 2) the patterns of movement between communities, including where they travel, why they travel, who they see, and how these may relate to sexual practices.

Ideal candidates

- 1) Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- 2) 18-26 years old
- 3) living in the central QLD region

You will need to be comfortable interviewing peers about sexual health and relationships. The role requires a short-term commitment (about 2-3 weeks) but with flexible hours (besides the mandatory training). All interest or experience in areas such as research, health, social work, etc. is a bonus! We also welcome those from the LGBTQI+ community to take part.

Benefits as a Researcher

Earn an income, up your skills and add a certificate to your CV.

As a community researcher, you will be employed as a junior researcher and be paid approximately \$30 per hour. As part of your training, you will develop skills necessary for conducting interviews. After your training, you will receive a certificate of completion from the Centre for Social Research in Health, UNSW. All of this can be referenced on your resume! Participating in this research is an opportunity to be heard and to help others like you be heard on issues that affect your friends, family, and community.

Contact

If you have any questions or would like to register your interest in becoming a community researcher on this project, contact the study coordinators:

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