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## Executive Director, WA Health Translation Network

Transformational leadership opportunity  
to make a difference by translating  
medical research into better clinical  
practice and patient outcomes



The Western Australian Health Translation Network (WAHTN) is an unincorporated body accredited by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) as an Advanced Health Research and Translation Centre (AHRTC). It brings together Western Australia's major hospitals, medical research institutes and five Universities to utilise in the most efficient and productive way the substantial State investment in new facilities for health research, patient care and population well-being.

The objective of WAHTN is to achieve better health outcomes for all Western Australians through integrated discovery, translation and clinical care delivery. WAHTN promotes health research through a series of enabling platforms that catalyse, facilitate and unify researchers across WA. As a member of the Australian Health Research Alliance (AHRA), WAHTN seeks to collaborate with the other 6 accredited AHRTC's across the Country and to proactively help fund and drive the research enterprise in WA. Health research in WA is conducted

broadly within 4 major themes: Life-course and non-communicable disease; Public health, with strong emphasis on Aboriginal health; Infection and Immunity; Genetics and Inherited diseases.

The University of Western Australia (UWA) is acting as Centre Agent for the Executive Board of the WAHTN. The UWA has an international reputation for excellence and enterprise and is ranked in the top 100 universities worldwide.

As Executive Director, you are expected to provide a strong and dynamic leadership in the development of WAHTN for the shared benefit of all participants in the WA health research system and in the translation of research into clinical practice, as a participant in and as a contributor to AHRA. You will be expected to create an environment in which innovative health and medical research will lead to improved care for patients by interacting with and setting standards, whilst influencing guidelines for all the WAHTN enabling platforms. At the

same time, you will be expected to enthuse, negotiate and influence key stakeholders at the highest levels of Board and administration of WAHTN partners, including Government.

### The WAHTN is seeking:

A leader with extensive accredited knowledge of high level research in the health and medical sector and its translation into clinical practice, with:

- Substantial senior management experience in the health or research sector – developing business plans, submissions to Government and public sectors and overseeing implementation.
- Proven leadership skills and ability to catalyse liaisons between Board members, the University sector governance, industry specific executives, health and medical research as well as Government policies and procedures.
- Demonstrated ability to proactively identify and analyse potential problems at an organisational level, to overcome

barriers, and implement solutions through influence and collaboration.

- The ability to lead a diverse range of staff across clinical and corporate functions to deliver high quality integrated health services.
- The ability to work independently, take initiative, identify opportunities and act as a key representative for the WAHTN.

The Executive Director will be responsible to the WAHTN Board which comprises a representative of the 5 Universities, major hospitals, health research bodies, Government, consumer organisations and Aboriginal institutions, with an independent Chair. The appointment will be for a minimum period of 3 years and could be full time or part time. The University offers a flexibly constructed remuneration packed with attractive benefits including generous leave provision, superannuation and fares to Perth (if applicable) for the appointee and dependants along with relocation assistance.

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**Closing Date: 04/09/2017**

Applications must be submitted online. Full details of the position's responsibilities and the selection criteria are outlined in the position description and applicants should clearly demonstrate they meet the selection criteria.

### Your application should include the following:

- A covering letter or 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 economy, society, culture, public policy or services, health, the environment, or quality of life;

- A curriculum vitae providing personal details, qualifications, publications and work history;
- The names and contact details of three referees who may be contacted for a confidential report. Please note that your permission will be sought before referees are contacted.

### Partners Include:



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