



Call for expressions of interest – PhD opportunity

The NEARER ECHO team at Menzies School of Health Research are looking for a prospective PhD student, to join the team from 2026. The PhD will offer opportunities for involvement in various aspects of a mixed methods evaluation of implementation of task-sharing echocardiography for rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease in remote primary healthcare settings across Australia and Timor-Leste. The student will learn skills in implementation science research, with areas of focus which could include: developmental evaluation of implementation strategies, working with communities; implementation science methodologies; diagnostic accuracy studies, and/or health economic evaluations. The student will lead on relevant aspects of implementation evaluation, with supervision and support from an experienced team who are committed to working effectively with and listening to communities that are affected by RHD, and developing strategies for RHD detection and follow-up that can be sustainably implemented at scale. Interested candidates should be willing to travel to remote communities, have excellent listening and communication skills, and some background experience in health research. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and Timorese citizens are strongly encouraged to consider submitting an expression of interest. The successful candidate will be supported by the team to apply for relevant scholarship opportunities. The PhD will be full-time, commencing 2026 with anticipated completion in 2030.

Expressions of interest should be up to 500 words, and should address: your reasons for interest in research on rheumatic heart disease, and First Nations and/or global health; your previous experience in implementation science and other health research fields; and your approaches to working within a team and engaging with remote communities.

Submit your EOI along with a brief curriculum vitae to meghan.bailey@menzies.edu.au by 19th December 2025.

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