1. POSITION SUMMARY

The Youth Peer Recruiter – GAMMA study will work within a research team to provide better ways to guide treatment selection for young people with a first episode of psychosis. We aim to find ways to give early indication of which treatments will suit which person, and therefore reduce the time taken to prescribe effective medication. To do this, we are testing whether a particular EEG measure (a measure of a person’s brain activity) is related to how effective medication is at improving their symptoms.

The Youth Peer Recruiter will be involved at all stages of the study, but will have particular contribution to the engagement of young people with psychosis with the study, and to developing and maintaining the relationship with the clinical teams supporting them. The role will also include assisting with data collection and with communicating about the study to the general public.

2. POSITION CONTEXT

Orygen is the world’s leading research and knowledge translation organisation focusing on mental ill-health in young people.
At Orygen, our leadership and staff work to deliver cutting-edge research, policy development, innovative clinical services, and evidence-based training and education to ensure that there is continuous improvement in the treatments and care provided to young people experiencing mental ill-health.

3. ABOUT ORYGEN

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4. KEY RESPONSIBILITIES/OUTCOMES

The Youth Peer Recruiter will:

- Assist in recruiting young people to take part in our research, and support their participation through advice and being present at assessments.
- Help develop innovative ways to inform young people about our research, particularly those with a current episode of psychotic illness.
- Provide critical input into the design of the research protocol and standard operating procedures to maximise participation.
- Contribute to production of research outputs through writing and reviewing manuscripts and presentations.
- Play a leading role in communication of our research to the general public, particularly young people and their families.
- A willingness to use their own lived experience within the context of the role.

5. SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria must be met for consideration for this position:

5.1 Essential
- Aged between 18 and 25 years.
- Personal lived experience of mental ill health, preferably related to psychotic disorders.
- Passion, energy, and determination to engage young people in research.
- Capacity to engage with clinical teams to support research participation.
- Capacity and willingness to give presentations and interviews to media and general public, particularly young people.
- Ability to work effectively independently and in a team.
- Excellent time management skills.

5.2 Desirable
- Interest in youth mental health research.
- Knowledge of the youth mental health system and support services for young people.

6. PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANISATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

The Youth Peer Recruiter will be expected to have:

- Knowledge of the common mental health, substance use, and social problems that are faced by young people.
- A commitment to learning about issues of ethics and confidentiality, and a willingness to comply with privacy legislation in relation to the health care of young people.

7. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Unrestricted right to live and work in Australia.
- A current National Police Check will be required.
- Any offer of employment is conditional upon receipt and maintenance of a satisfactory Working with Children Check.
- Travel to other Orygen workplaces is likely to be required (for example, to attend clinical meetings).
- Occasional out of hours work may be required.
- Due to COVID 19 restrictions work may be conducted remotely or on site dependent on current restrictions. The successful incumbent must have confidential home office space and reliable internet connection.