

Program Manager, Clinical Trials Innovation

Full-time, Fixed Term Contract to 30 June 2024

- Join a dedicated team focussed on improving outcomes for cancer patients
- Take on a challenging opportunity to drive positive change in the clinical trials sector
- Work with and build on an established, collaborative network
- Market salary and generous salary packaging options available

The Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (VCCC) alliance is changing the way we tackle cancer in Victoria. Supported by new funding from the Victorian Government, over the next 3.5 years the alliance will continue its ground-breaking work developing and implementing innovative, system-changing programs aimed at improving outcomes for patients with cancer.

The VCCC is now offering a newly funded opportunity to join our close-knit and cross-functional team as Program Manager, Clinical Trials Innovation. Over the next 3.5 year period, the Program Manager will be focussed on the overarching goal of increasing the number of patients who enrol on cancer clinical trials and accelerating capacity and capability through innovation and collective impact in the clinical trial sector. This goal is not possible for any one person or organisation, but with the might of the VCCC alliance, backed by the power of our education and communications teams and a great Program Manager like you, we can achieve the necessary momentum.

Aligned with current program funding, this is a full-time opportunity through to mid-2024.

About the Position

Ten major programs have been outlined in the VCCC Strategic Program Plan (SPP). By joining the Research team at this critical early stage, while the clinical trials program is still being designed you will have the chance to develop, implement and evaluate a key program of work under the SPP: *Drive an innovative high-performance clinical trial sector through capacity building* (known internally as the *Clinical Trials Innovation* program).

This program has the dual aims of:

- 1) Strengthening clinical trial participation through the adoption and conduct of new clinical trial methodologies (such as registry trials), and
- 2) Supporting high performance clinical trial units through harmonising performance.

Key Responsibilities

Working in partnership with the VCCC Head of Research, Steering Group Chairs and members for the *Clinical Trials Innovation* program you will take on responsibility for guiding and facilitating the program of work to achieve the goals of the program by:

- developing and strengthening collaborative working relationships across multiple organisations relevant to developing and achieving the objectives of the program
- engaging stakeholders from across the VCCC partner organisations, and beyond, to optimise participation in and dissemination of learnings from the programs
- identifying synergies and potential integration opportunities between other VCCC SPP programs that span across translational research, sector capability and leadership development, data linkage, telehealth and health equity
- assessing the broader clinical trials sector to identify relevant innovation, best practice or collaboration opportunities that might supplement the goals of the VCCC program(s)

- Coordinating expert Steering Group meetings and roles supported by the program that are located at member organisations to ensure an effective 'community of practice' and harmonisation of purpose
 - developing and running workshops, symposia and other events to build capability and momentum
 - developing relationships with research offices/trial units across the VCCC Alliance and beyond to facilitate research ethics and governance approvals for multi-site research
 - developing and writing ethics submissions, protocols and other documents with partner organisations when required
 - gathering, synthesising, interpreting and communicating the evidence-base that facilitates development of the workplan
 - ensuring that required project management documents, budgets, timelines, reports and evaluation requirements are met
 - leveraging the perspectives and insights from cancer consumer representatives throughout the program cycle to identify opportunities for engagement, communication, dissemination, involvement and partnership.

What You Will Bring to the Position:

You will pride yourself on your strong track record of excellence in stakeholder and program management with the proven ability to positively influence others and build consensus. You will have extensive experience in the clinical trials/clinical research sector and be passionate about the opportunity to make a tangible difference in this area. You will have:

- Proven experience in health research program/project management (possibly in an academic, trial unit and/or pharmaceutical industry setting)
- Significant experience effectively managing the requirements of a wide range of stakeholders, including steering or expert advisory groups, senior academics, clinicians/researchers and clinical trial unit managers and staff to reach pragmatic consensus toward achieving program objectives
- Significant experience working in the clinical trials sector, preferably within an oncology setting
- Solid understanding of the regulatory, ethics and governance requirements of clinical research and clinical trials
- hands on experience preparing ethics and governance applications for multi-site research projects is highly desirable
- Demonstrated ability to deliver outcomes in an environment with a high level of complexity.

About the VCCC:

The vision for the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre (VCCC) is to save lives through the integration of consumer-engaged cancer research, education and patient care.

Founded in the holistic principles of the internationally-recognised Comprehensive Cancer Centre model, the VCCC alliance brings together 10 of Victoria's leading research, academic, and clinical institutions to achieve what can only be done through state-wide collaboration. Together we will improve outcomes in cancer in metropolitan, regional and rural Victoria, and forge new approaches to cancer research, education, and patient care for all.

The VCCC's multi-site, multi-disciplinary model brings together the complementary strengths of Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Melbourne Health (including The Royal Melbourne Hospital), the University of Melbourne, Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, The Royal Women's Hospital, The Royal Children's Hospital, Western Health, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne (including St Vincent's Institute), Austin Health (including the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute and Austin Lifesciences) and Murdoch Children's Research Institute.

VCCC is made up of a tight-knit team of staff who form the backbone working to facilitate the power of collective impact across the VCCC alliance and beyond.

Team Values

Better Together *we connect and support to empower sustainable change*

Integrity *we are respectful of the cancer community and accountable for our contribution*

Bold *we cultivate ideas and dare to innovate*

Patient-Centred *we place patients with cancer at the centre of all we do*

For All *we champion equity of cancer care for every Victorian*

Equity & Inclusion

The Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre values diversity and is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to providing an inclusive work environment, free from all forms of unlawful discrimination, harassment, bullying, vilification and victimisation.

Contact for Enquiries:

For a confidential conversation regarding the role, please contact Dr Mark Buzza, Head of Research

Secondment: With the ongoing objective of enhancing relationships across the alliance, this position may be able to be arranged as a secondment within a VCCC member organisation. Employees within the VCCC alliance are encouraged to contact People and Culture: Christine Morton on 0411 955 215 (Mon–Thurs) or Caroline Bando (Tues–Fri) on 0407 042 369 to discuss the possibility of a suitable arrangement.

TO APPLY:

For a copy of the position description and more information about VCCC, please go to our website: www.viccompcancerctr.org/opportunities/

Applications should consist of your CV and a covering letter outlining the key reasons for your interest in the role specifically addressing the key selection criteria in the position description on the VCCC website.

Please lodge your application via Seek, no later than COB **Thurs 11th March 2021**.