

YOUTH CONSULTANT



- Join a leader in youth mental health, revolutionising services to our young people
- Be part of a supportive team with career development and growth opportunities in clinical care and research
- Access to generous NFP salary packaging and flexible work/life balance arrangements

About Orygen

The why behind what we do is important. We believe that all young people deserve to grow into adulthood with optimal mental health. Everything we do is focused on this outcome. Orygen is leading and redefining what's possible in global research, policy, education and clinical care. Find out more on our [website](#).

The Opportunity

Clinical Services Reform is seeking a Youth (Lived Experience) Consultant. You will be well supported operationally and clinically to ensure your career at Orygen is both fulfilling and rewarding without compromising on your life goals.

If you have a passion for the field of youth mental health and want to make a real difference to the lives of young people and their families and carers and share Orygen's values of respect, accountability, teamwork, excellence and innovation, then we would love you to join the Orygen team to revolutionise youth mental health.

The role and your impact

Part-time (0.5 FTE) fixed term position available until 30 June 2020, with potential for further employment.

Reporting to the Director - Clinical Services Reform, the Youth Consultant is responsible for developing, supporting and facilitating opportunities for youth consultations, co-design and other youth participation activities across Orygen Clinical Services.

As the Youth Consultant, you will work in partnership with the Orygen Primary Services, staff involved in Youth Participation, (across Orygen as a whole) and the Youth Consultation staff within Orygen Specialist Services.

The Orygen Strategic Plan 2019-2022 identifies developing, delivering and rolling-out best service models as a Strategic Priority, namely 'developing, implementing and evaluating an exemplar seamless integrated clinical service model for young people in the north and west region of Melbourne.'

This position focuses on the 'co-design and delivery' component of the regional model, facilitating the involvement of young people with a lived experience of mental ill-health in the co-design and co-delivery of services and providing support to young people as part of the Regional Model.

About you

Essential to this role is a personal lived experience of experiencing challenges with your mental health, physical health and/or alcohol and other drugs. You will have been or be a first-hand user of mental health services, preferably as a young person. You are passionate, energetic and determined to make a difference to health outcomes for young people. In addition, you will bring:

- Experience in consulting from a lived experience perspective, preferably in a youth-specific setting.
- Experience in engaging with other people with lived experience, for the purposes of ensuring a broad cross-section of views are represented.

- Working knowledge of the Victorian mental health system.
- A commitment to improving the way services are delivered for young people and their carers/families.
- Experience in a range of lived experience activities, such as psycho-education material development, staff selection and induction, professional learning, community awareness.
- Commitment to the development of evaluation and research activities.
- High level interpersonal skills, including the ability to liaise effectively with a diverse range of people, families and stakeholders.
- Capacity and willingness to conduct training and group programs with staff, young people and families and carers.
- Confidence to advocate for themselves and families in a clinical environment.

To view the FULL selection criteria and learn more about this opportunity, please go to www.orygen.org.au/About/Work-with-Us to view the Position Description or contact Brendan Pawsey at brendan.pawsey@orygen.org.au for a confidential discussion.

Salary and benefits

Depending on your skills and experience, a salary of \$74,812 – \$80,503 p.a. pro rata is offered plus superannuation and access to generous NFP salary packaging.

Orygen is committed to providing an inclusive work environment that supports employees to achieve their career goals without compromising their life goals. With this in mind Orygen offers a range of employment benefits including generous paid leave, flexible work arrangement, an employee assistance program, well regarded supervision and a supportive team, career growth and development opportunities, purposeful work that makes a real difference to lives of young people and their families and carers and career opportunities within an organisation that is the leader in youth mental health.

How to apply

Please refer to the position description and submit your cover letter addressing the key selection criteria and resume to careers@orygen.org.au, using the subject line 'Youth Consultant' followed by your 'full name'.

Closing date: Thursday 29 July 2021, 11:55PM AEST.

You are encouraged to submit your application as soon as possible. Orygen may close the advertisement before the closing date.

Orygen is dedicated to gender equality, diversity and inclusivity. We strive to continue to build a culturally safe workplace where our values underpin the way we work and our commitment to First Nations people of Australia, young people and their families, LGBTIQ+ people and CALD people. We strongly encourage applications from the First Nations people.

Recruitment Agencies - *thank you for thinking of us, however we do endeavour to fill our opportunities through direct channels wherever possible. If we find that we do need agency assistance, we'll be in touch.*