**THE AUSTRALIAN DIABETES, OBESITY AND LIFESTYLE STUDY (AusDiab)**

**NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**POSITION:** On Site Casual Field Staff – Eight positions on offer

**POSITION DURATION:** Six Weeks – 30th April to 4th June

**STATUS:** Casual

**REPORTS TO:** On Site – Field Coordinator

**DEPARTMENT:** Clinical Diabetes and Epidemiology

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**BACKGROUND**

The Clinical Diabetes and Epidemiology Department of the Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute conducts a wide range of research programs, and in 1999 commenced a large longitudinal study known as the Australian Diabetes, Obesity and Lifestyle (AusDiab) study, which included over 11,000 adults from around the country.

In 2004/05, a five year follow-up of the AusDiab participants was undertaken, and in 2011/12 a further follow-up of these participants has commenced.

The AusDiab 3 Field study commenced in Victoria in August 2011. In total, 42 temporary sites (6 in each state and in the Northern Territory) will be visited, allowing 5 days of field testing per site. Approximately 6 - 10 weeks have been allocated to the collection of data in each state and in the Northern Territory.

Field testing will include a range of health assessments of the AusDiab participants including blood testing, height, weight, waist circumference, health and lifestyle questionnaires, foot and eye examinations.

Field testing will take place on weekends and on three other week days, but not on Public Holidays as they apply to the State in which the work is being done. The expected number of participants per day will be approx 25-30. While in the field, starting time will be 6.50am. and expected finishing time will vary from 11 – 1pm.

In the Northern Territory the following sites will be visited – Marrar, Wagaman, Nightcliff, Parap, Larrakeyah and Driver.

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Prepare, collect and collate survey data. Tasks will be assigned to staff and may include working on a registration desk, taking body measurements, such as blood pressure, height and weight, and conducting health related questionnaires.

2. Ensure the quality and completeness of data collection.

3. Assist in maintaining efficient use and stock levels of consumables and resources.

4. Assist with the packing and forwarding of equipment and supplies to the next testing site.

5. Assist Field Survey Coordinator as requested.

6. Ensure that survey sites are cleaned before departure.

7. Accept responsibility for your own actions whilst on duty.
Level of supervision:
All field survey staff will undertake a two day training programme prior to commencing on site field work. Whilst on site, staff will be expected to manage their own specific allocated area but must take daily directions in the field, from the Field Survey Coordinator.

MINIMUM TRAINING LEVEL OR QUALIFICATIONS
Excellent oral and written communication skills plus computer skills are required.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- The Field Survey staff must be very flexible, have excellent interpersonal skills, be able to communicate at all levels and also have the ability to work as part of a research team.

- Good people / customer skills is important.

- To accommodate the requirements of setting up test sites, flexible working hours are necessary, including weekend work. Reliable transport to sites is a must.

- Valid Australian Drivers Licence, desirable