Sedentary Behaviour and Physical Activity Post-Doctoral Positions Available

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Curtin University is the largest university in Western Australia with a strong international focus. The School of Physiotherapy has a reputation for world class applied research and multidisciplinary collaborations. A growing number of research projects have been developed around sedentary behaviour/physical activity, technology and health – for example interventions for children and adolescents, interventions for office workers and large longitudinal epidemiological studies in children/young adults and ‘baby boomers’. These projects are mainly funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia and involve collaborations with researchers across Australia as well as Europe and North America. The research group is expanding and this creates an exciting opportunity for early career postdocs to join the team and develop as emerging leaders.

We are looking for enthusiastic, competent candidates able to work well with colleagues. Clear, critical thinking, strong conceptual and analytical background, and excellent writing skills are important, along with experience in sedentary behaviour and physical activity measurement. An earned doctorate in a related discipline is required along with strong letters of support from three colleagues/supervisors.

The role will include working with the team on existing projects to capture high quality data, data processing and analyses, and preparing and leading manuscripts and conference presentations. The role will also provide opportunities to develop grant writing and student supervision skills. Postdocs will be mentored by the team and encouraged to develop their own related research interests.

The appointment opportunities are flexible with 1-3 year contracts available. Competitive remuneration commensurate with qualifications will be provided (AUD70,000-80,000pa) along with leave and superannuation entitlements.

Further information is available from:

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Sedentary Behaviour and Physical Activity Postdoc Positions Further Background Information

**Existing projects to be involved with:**

**Impact of electronic games on children**

**Multidisciplinary intervention for overweight teenagers**

**Sedentary behaviour and physical activity in young adults**


**Information Technology use and sedentary behaviour/physical activity in ‘baby boomers’**

**Other recent related projects**
Harris C, Straker L, Pollock C: The influence of age, gender and other information technology use on young people's computer use at school and home. *Work* in press (accepted Nov 2010).

[Physiotherapy school project website](http://healthsciences.curtin.edu.au/teaching/physiotherapy_research_projects.cfm)