



SNAP-PY Aboriginal PhD scholarship opportunity

Are you an Aboriginal Clinician looking to expand your knowledge by commencing a PhD?

Telethon Kids Institute is excited to partner with medical research institutes, universities and many hospitals across Australia and the world to embark on the biggest research completed in the *Staphylococcus Aureus* space.

The *Staphylococcus aureus Network Adaptive Platform (SNAP)* is the most ambitious clinical trial for bloodstream infection globally to date, involving 11 countries, 58 sites and 7000 patients. SNAP aims to identify which antibiotic treatment options result in the least patients dying and improved outcomes. In contrast to a traditional clinical trial, the SNAP trial will examine multiple different antibiotic treatment options at the same time. By using an innovative, adaptive platform trial design, we hope to find treatments that save lives, reduce morbidity, are cost-effective and for the first time include newborns to the elderly in the same study. By including children, *S. aureus Network Adaptive Platform, Paediatrics and Youth (SNAP-PY)* will inform best practice treatment of *S. aureus* bloodstream infection across the life-course.

In Australia, Aboriginal children have double the rate of *Staphylococcus aureus* compared to non-Aboriginal children due to high rates of skin infections and social determinants of health. The results from the trial are expected to see Aboriginal children from regional WA be able to spend less time away from Country and have better long-term outcomes from complicated bone, skin, lung and heart infections from *Staphylococcus aureus* bloodstream infection.

With A/Prof Asha Bowen, the Head of Department of Infectious Disease and Program Head of the END RHD program at Telethon Kids Institute and the lead for the paediatric component of this trial, you will be well supported and at the heart of the paediatric aspects of the trial.

SNAP-PY has a range of projects for an Aboriginal clinician to undertake a PhD within the team. A scholarship to support an Aboriginal PhD student is available as well as there being a scholarship available for employment one day a week at Telethon Kids Institute if this is of interest.

Preferred location is Perth as it is the lead paediatric site for SNAP-PY however open to discussions given this is a national project with many sites across Australia.

For more information about this opportunity, please contact Alex Whelan – Alexandra.whelan@telethonkids.org.au