

Expressions of Interest sought for AKTN Clinical Trialist

1. Introduction:

Are you passionate about advancing kidney health through world-class clinical trials? The **Australasian Kidney Trials Network (AKTN)** invites Expressions of Interest from experienced researchers and clinicians to join our dynamic team. This is your opportunity to **influence the scientific direction of kidney research**, collaborate with leading experts, and contribute to meaningful improvements in patient care.

2. Why Join AKTN?

Drive Impact	Help design and deliver innovative, high-quality clinical trials that change practice.
Expand Your Profile	Gain authorship opportunities, present at conferences, and strengthen your research portfolio.
Collaborate and Lead	Work alongside renowned investigators and receive mentorship from AKTN leadership.
Shape the Future	Contribute to groundbreaking research that improves outcomes for kidney patients globally.

3. Purpose of the AKTN Clinical Trialist

- Apply the NHMRC academic clinical trialist competencies at [Level 2 or 3](#)
- Support AKTN Investigators with driving high quality clinical trial delivery

4. Responsibilities

- Perform literature searches and systematic reviews as required
- Work with colleagues to design pragmatic protocols, case report forms and study documents
- Contribute to the design, conduct and analysis of clinical research
- Prepare manuscripts (clinical research articles, review articles, case reports)
- Contribute to the writing of grant submissions
- Contribute to abstracts, posters and presentations for scientific meetings and conferences
- Work with colleagues in the development of innovative and feasible research projects
- Support AKTN operational teams to improve stakeholder collaboration and engagement
- Conduct site feasibility discussions and initiation/investigator meetings
- Support trial committee activities, good governance, adherence to GCP and ethical conduct
- Foster the AKTN's relations with the scientific community, government departments, professional bodies and the wider community.
- Any other duties as reasonably directed by AKTN Chair

5. Commitment

- Attend 1–2 videoconference meetings per week.
- UQ honorary or affiliate appointment required.
- In-kind

6. Attributes

Essential:

- PhD or other higher research degree (e.g. MPhil, Dmed[Res], MMedStat, etc.)
- Kidney health professional
- Possess a desire to advance the number and quality of clinical trials in kidney disease
- Expertise in clinical trials and a strong research track record
- Be familiar with the AKTN and its research output
- Proven ability to interpret and communicate complex scientific information and data
- Ability to establish effective relationships and represent/promote AKTN at the wider community level, including scientific, government and professional bodies.
- Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues.
- Grant writing experience

Desirable:

- Experience in liaising and collaborating with external agencies to develop co-operative research initiatives.
- Statistical and data management skills
- Understanding of GCP guidelines and their application
- Experience with successful grant applications
- Member of relevant professional organisation(s)

7. Benefits of AKTN Clinical Trialist membership

- Influence AKTN's scientific direction
- Publication and presentation opportunities
- Gain experience in development, conduct and leadership of clinical trials as part of a well-established clinical trial network
- Contribution to meaningful advances in knowledge relating to kidney disease
- Opportunities to work with greater kidney community through research collaboration

8. How to apply

Please email a one page application to aktn@uq.edu.au

Your expression of interest should include:

- Why you are interested in working with AKTN
- An outline of your relevant skills, track record and CV
- A suggested research topic for consideration by the Working Group
- Your exposure to mentorship

Nominations will be considered by the AKTN Executive Operations Secretariat, and successful applicants will be notified by the Chair.