



The National University of Singapore invites applications for a Senior Research Fellow to be the Programme Leader of the Centre for Biomedical Ethics (CBmE) Funding Initiative. CBmE is a leading Centre for bioethics in Asia and a Collaborating Centre for Bioethics of the World Health Organisation. The Centre runs the Health ethics, Law and Professionalism (HeLP) track of the undergraduate medical curriculum and it offers postgraduate study in biomedical ethics. It also has a vibrant Visiting Fellows programme with the generous support of the Chen Su Lan Trust. There are 12 full-time and 7 part-time academic and research staff in the Centre supported by 7 administrative staff. More details on the Centre are available at <http://cbme.nus.edu.sg>.

The CBmE Funding Initiative is supported with an infrastructure grant from the National Medical Research Council under the Research Innovation Enterprise 2020 framework. This initiative is aimed at:

1. Supporting the development of regulatory frameworks for key priority areas of translational and clinical research.
2. Building bioethics capability in Singapore.
3. Understanding the challenges of implementing ethics guidelines for biomedical researchers, and making recommendations to policy and regulatory bodies, and the Ministry of Health, for improving efficacy and balance between the needs of patients, public expectation, and the biomedical community.
4. Supporting public education and engagement with bioethics.
5. Collaborating on the initiatives of the Bioethics Advisory Committee.

Key activities of FI involve coordinating ethics education and training workshops for biomedical researchers and generating policy-relevant guidance documents for clinician-scientists. In the next four years, the FI team will lead working groups and convene expert symposia to produce two position papers on: 1) *Gene Editing for the Common Good*, and 2) *Big Data in Health and Society*. The team will also produce discussion papers on Research Governance and Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis and Screening (PGD/PGS). The Programme Leader will oversee the coordination of these products and implementation of our training and outreach work with a team of two full-time research staff and one administrator.

The position is full-time, fixed-term until March 31, 2021, and is renewable upon successful application for continued funding from the National Medical Research Council. Reporting to the Co-Directors of the grant, Associate Professor Roy Joseph and Assistant Professor Tamra Lysaght, the Programme Leader will be responsible for:

- Ensuring the team meets the key performance indicators within the stipulated budgets and oversee reporting requirements for the Co-Directors' approval
- Coordinating and providing teaching for the Ethics and Regulation of Clinical Research module for the Master of Clinical Investigation programme
- Facilitating professional training workshops for biomedical researchers

- Developing public outreach and education materials and facilitate public education in liaison with the Bioethics Advisory Committee
- Contributing to expert symposia, position papers and discussion/commissioned papers on gene editing, Big Data, PGD/PGS and research governance.
- Liaising with the Bioethics Advisory Committee on joint projects
- Participating in international conferences and meetings of importance to the programme initiatives
- Assisting the Co-Directors in developing and maintaining networks of scholars, scientists and policymakers for collaboration

**Selection criteria:**

*1. Essential requirements*

- A PhD degree or an equivalent in a field relevant to clinical research ethics, regulation and governance (e.g. bioethics, law, philosophy, sociology or political science)
- Minimum five years' experience in an academic role
- Demonstrated experience in grant management and independently managing a multidisciplinary team of researchers in an academic setting
- Demonstrated experience in teaching postgraduate and/or professionals
- Demonstrated track record of publication in the fields of bioethics, law, philosophy, sociology or political science
- Exemplary written English and oral communication skills
- Excellent organization and management skills with attention to detail

*2. Desirable requirements*

- Expertise in research ethics and regulation, and/or bioethical issues surrounding emergent technologies (i.e. gene editing, Big Data, PGD/PGS)
- Experience in public engagement activities and methodologies
- Experience in liaising with government officials and policymakers in health and/or clinical research

The National University of Singapore offers competitive remuneration packages and the successful applicant will be offered salary and benefits commensurate with his or her experience and expertise. The Funding Initiative also supports training and conference travel for research staff.

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis beginning 7 July 2017, until a suitable candidate is found. Please submit your application containing the following:

- A cover letter with statements that address all of the selection criteria above
- Curriculum vitae with contact details of three referees
- A writing sample (sole authored strongly preferred)
- Current and expected salary

Please send applications to:

Dr. Tamra Lysaght

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