# Position Details

## Research Projects- CSOF3

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| The following information is for applicants |
| Advertised Job Title | Research Technician – Pathogen Investigation |
| Job Reference | 100108 |
| Tenure | IndefiniteFull-time |
| Salary Range | CSOF3: AU$73,567 to AU$93,630 pa per annum (pro-rata for part-time), plus up to 15.4% superannuation \*NB: There are two positions currently available at CSOF3. |
| Location(s) | Geelong, Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness, VIC |
| Relocation Assistance | Will be provided to the successful candidate if required |
| Applications are open to | Australian/New Zealand Citizens and Australian Permanent Residents only |
| Position reports to the | Team Leader – Pathogen Investigation |
| Client Focus – Internal | 100% |
| Client Focus – External | 0% |
| Number of Direct Reports | 0 |
| Enquire about this job | Contact Jennifer Barr via email at jennifer.barr@csiro.au or phone 03 5227 5375 |
| Support and Workplace Adjustments | We offer a range of reasonable supports and workplace adjustments. Please let us know via email to the Talent Acquisition Partner at shree.chattopadhyay@csiro.au if we can help you to equitably participate in our recruitment process or the role itself. |
| How to apply | Apply online at <https://jobs.csiro.au/> Internal applicants please apply via **Jobs Central**If you experience difficulties when applying, please email careers.online@csiro.au or call 1300 984 220. |

**Acknowledgement of Country**

CSIRO acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, sea and waters, of the areas that we live and work on across Australia. We acknowledge their continuing connection to their culture and pay our respects to their Elders past and present. View our [vision towards reconciliation](https://www.csiro.au/en/about/Indigenous-engagement/Reconciliation-Action-Plan).

**About CSIRO**

As Australia's national science agency, CSIRO is solving the greatest challenges through innovative science and technology. Many of our iconic innovations were once considered impossible until someone, just like you, joined us and took on the challenge.

As one of the world’s largest multidisciplinary mission-driven research organisations, we are focused on the issues that matter the most: for our quality of life, for the economy and for our environment. We believe diverse teams are more effective and deliver more innovative outcomes. When we all focus on the big things that really matter, and work in partnership with our communities and [Indigenous Australia](https://www.csiro.au/research/indigenous-science), Australian science and technology can solve seemingly impossible problems and create new value for all Australians. Visit [CSIRO.au](file:///C%3A/Users/lui008/OneDrive%20-%20CSIRO/Desktop/LIFE/LEADERSHIP/Inclusive%20Recruitment/PD%20and%20Job%20Ads/CSIRO.au) for more information and [Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness](https://www.csiro.au/en/about/facilities-collections/acdp) ACDP (formally known as AAHL, Australian Animal Health Laboratory) and also [Health and Biosecurity Business Unit - CSIRO](https://www.csiro.au/en/about/people/business-units/Health-and-Biosecurity).

### Role Overview

The role of Research Projects staff in CSIRO is to collaborate in scientific and technological activities with other research staff usually by assisting with detailed planning, undertaking or assisting with experimental, observational or technology development work, and in carrying out the more practical aspects of the work.

This role of the Research Projects Officer at ACDP is to work collaboratively within the Zoonotic Pathogens and Models group and will be working as a part of the Pathogen Investigation team. This team contributes to the delivery of impactful research on zoonotic and emerging viruses of high consequence to human health, including animal and laboratory models.

The incumbent, following extensive training, will be required to work independently in the PC3 and PC4 microbiologically secure laboratories and be responsible for the delivery of outputs across a range of projects that involve cell biology, molecular biology, virology and serology.

The appointee must be able to meet ACDP microbiological security and psychometric assessment requirements and be willing to undertake fully encapsulated suit training to meet the stringent requirements to work at PC4.

### Duties and Key Result Areas

* Work in a microbiologically secure laboratory (PC2, 3, 4) as part of a multi-disciplinary research team, with responsibilities and outputs supporting project goals.
* Undertake and complete tasks independently or collaboratively with colleagues on assigned research and development activities, including animal and field work, experimental design, implementation and timely completion of work, while maintaining an awareness of team priorities and flexibility to assist team flow.
* Work collaboratively with colleagues within your team, the research unit and across CSIRO, to reach objectives.
* Maintain accurate documentation related to laboratory work and experimental results.
* Contribute to the effective functioning and objectives of the Health and Biosecurity Research Unit as advised by line management.
* Abide by and promote ACDP’s microbiological security regulations.
* Maintain confidentiality when working with commercially sensitive information.
* Communicate openly, effectively and respectfully with all staff, clients and suppliers in the interests of good business practice, collaboration and enhancement of CSIRO’s reputation.
* Adhere to the spirit and practice of CSIRO’s Values, Code of Conduct, Health, Safety and Environment procedures and policy, Diversity initiatives and Making Safety Personal goals.
* Other duties as directed.

## **Selection Criteria**

#### Essential

*Under CSIRO policy only those who meet all essential criteria can be appointed.*

1. A relevant degree or equivalent relevant work experience in Biological Sciences or a related discipline.
2. Technical competence in performing virology, molecular and/or serological assays.
3. Demonstrated ability to work both independently and co-operatively as a member of a larger project team, and to form and maintain effective and respectful relationships with a range of colleagues and collaborators.
4. Demonstrated ability to plan and schedule workflow in a timely and technically sound manner.
5. High level interpersonal, written and verbal, communication skills including the ability to document results and communicate effectively with colleagues and clients in order to meet project goals and timelines.

## **Desirable**

1. Experience working at BSL-3 or BSL-4.
2. Experience working with viruses of human importance.
3. Experience with molecular techniques including cloning.
4. Experience working with advanced cell culture models.
5. Knowledge and experience working within the principles of a quality system e.g. GLP/ ISO9001/17025.

## **Required Competencies**

* **Teamwork and Collaboration:** Proactively seeks and considers the ideas and opinions of others from within and outside the team to help form decisions, plans or actions.
* **Influence and Communication:** Puts forward ideas by presenting factual information supported by data, definitions, examples, illustrations or other aids, which will assist in conveying meaning.
* **Resource Management/Leadership:** Provides instruction and assists other staff to complete allocated tasks and activities.
* **Judgement and Problem Solving:** Identifies and considers the implications of a range of available alternatives in order to select the most appropriate response to problems of a familiar or recurring nature.
* **Independence:** Recognise and makes immediate changes to improve performance (faster, better, lower cost, more efficiently, better quality, improved client satisfaction).
* **Adaptability:**Willingness to change ideas or perceptions based on new information, contrary evidence or other people's points of view. Prepared to try out different approaches.

**Not sure if you meet all the criteria?**

While it is CSIRO policy that the successful candidate must meet all the essential criteria, there are many ways to demonstrate this. Don’t let the list discourage you. If you are unsure about applying, please reach out to the contact on page 1 of this document so we can discuss the role further.

**Setting You Up For Success**

We understand that not everyone works in the same way and sometimes people may require reasonable support and adjustments to perform at their best. Whether related to the recruitment process and or the role itself, this may include options such as providing different methods of communication, flexible hours or physical adjustments to work methods. If you feel comfortable, we encourage you to share any support and adjustments you may need to carry out the inherent requirements of the role. Please let us know via email shree.chattopadhyay@csiro.au if we can help you to equitably participate in our recruitment process or the role itself.

**Life at CSIRO and Flexible Working Arrangements**

We [work flexibly at CSIRO](https://www.csiro.au/en/careers/life-at-csiro/Flexible-work), offering a range of options for how, when and where you work.  We can discuss flexible work arrangements with you during the recruitment process. CSIRO also offers a range of leave entitlements, [benefits](https://www.csiro.au/en/careers/life-at-csiro/Benefits) and [career development](https://www.csiro.au/en/careers/life-at-csiro/Career-development) opportunities. To learn more, visit [Careers at CSIRO](https://www.csiro.au/en/careers).

We celebrate the uniqueness of our workforce and are committed to creating [diverse and inclusive teams](https://www.csiro.au/en/careers/life-at-csiro/Diversity-inclusion-belonging) where everyone feels they belong. CSIRO is an equal employment opportunity organisation dedicated to recruiting people based on merit, and reflecting the diversity of the community we serve. We recognise true diversity encompasses all ages, nationalities, abilities, cultures, genders, sexualities, faiths, levels of education, diversity of thought and many more aspects of identity. By empowering diverse teams, our community is reflected in the solutions we create.

**CSIRO Values**

CSIRO is a values-based organisation committed to values-based leadership.

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| **Value** | **Descriptor** | **Behaviour** |
| **People First** | Our priority is the safety and wellbeing of our people. We believe in, and respect, the power of diverse perspectives. We seek out and learn from our differences.  | * Respectful
* Caring
* Inclusive
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| **Further Together** | We achieve more together than we ever could alone. We listen and collaborate, in teams, across disciplines, across boundaries. We embrace ambiguity and use discussion and persistence to generate unique solutions to complex problems. | * Accountable
* Authentic
* Courageous
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| **Making it Real** | We do science with real impact. We thrive when taking on the big challenges facing the world. We take educated risks and defy convention. We celebrate successes and failures and leverage them to learn as we strive to be the force for positive change. | * Partnering
* Cooperative
* Humble
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| **Trusted** | We’re driven by purpose but remain objective. We fight misinformation with facts. We earn trust everywhere through everything we do. We trust each other and we hold each other accountable. Together our actions drive Australia’s trust in CSIRO. | * Curious
* Adaptive
* Entrepreneurial
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**Child Safety**

CSIRO is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people involved in our activities and programs. View our [Child Safe Policy](https://www.csiro.au/en/about/policies/child-safe-policy).

**Special Requirements**

**Security Assessment and Microbiological Security Requirements for Personnel Working on the Australian Centre for Disease Preparedness (ACDP) Site:**

**ACDP Special Conditions that staff must comply with:**

1. Certain positions including those working in the ACDP microbiological secure area will require security clearance at a level appropriate to duties of the position. Confirmation of the appointment is subject to obtaining that clearance.

2. It is essential that all work on exotic or emerging diseases carried out at ACDP is conducted in a safe manner to prevent the escape of the disease agents used, and to this end, all activities and personnel will be subject to appropriate microbiological security measures. Consequently, while working at ACDP, you may not reside on a property on which are kept any of the following animals: sheep, cattle, pigs, goats, horses, asses, mules and camelids, any other cloven-hoofed animal, fowls, turkeys, geese, domestic ducks, caged birds, emus or ostriches. Personnel working with diseases of aquatic animals may not keep aquarium fish at their place of residence and at times specific species may be excluded depending on the nature of the work conducted.

3. In addition, for a period of seven days after working in the microbiologically secure area of ACDP, personnel may not have close contact with any of the above animals, amphibians or birds or the actual places where these animals are held, or visit any aquatic animal farm or aquatic animal hatchery.

4. Working in the barrier maintained Small Animal Facility or the Werribee Animal Health Farm requires avoidance of additional animals such as mice, rats, guinea pigs, rabbits, ferrets and poultry of a minimum of 3 days prior to arrival.

5. Certain positions will require medical assessment and vaccinations against various agents such as influenza, rabies, hepatitis B, Japanese encephalitis or other agents as specified if required for the role performed.

6. Positions working at PC4 will also require a pre-employment psychological assessment.

7. Given ACDP’s role in the International Regional Program, there may be a requirement for some personnel to travel internationally and if required for this work, suitable staff should be able to obtain a valid passport and obtain applicable vaccinations.

8. Should an emergency response situation arise, ACDP may be required to implement the Emergency Animal Disease Response Plan and personnel may need to contribute to response requirements, including after-hours work.

9. Personnel must abide by Occupational Health, Safety and Environment regulations. Safety signs and directives issued by CSIRO personnel must be complied with at all times.

10. Access restrictions apply to the Werribee Animal Health Facility (WAHF) site that is associated with, but remote from, the ACDP site.

**The successful candidate will be required to:**

1. Obtain and provide evidence of a National Police Clearance or equivalent. Please note that individuals with criminal records are not automatically deemed ineligible. Each application will be considered on its merits.
2. Undertake a National Health Security Check (to be arranged post-commencement).
3. Obtain and maintain a security clearance at the Negative Vetting Level 1 (to be arranged post-commencement).
4. Undertake a psychological medical assessment.
5. To be willing and able to undertake fully encapsulated suit training.
6. To be willing and able to undertake domestic travel and possible fieldwork as required.