Australasian Health Informatics Fellowship Program





# Overview

The Australasian College of Health Informatics (ACHI)

is the professional community of Digital Health and Health Informatics thought leaders, experts and trusted advisers in the Asia-Pacific region.

In 2017 ACHI established a Fellowship Program to support a Health Informatics pathway, preparing individuals for leadership roles in the health informatics workforce.

The Fellowship Program is suitable for individuals with a technical or clinical background and is four years full-time in duration (or part-time equivalent). On completion, candidates will hold a PhD academic qualification, and will be awarded an ACHI Fellowship. ACHI will be working closely with industry, government and non-government departments, and universities to create health informatic work placement opportunities for Fellowship Program participants.

Organisations that provide student work placements:

- Will have an opportunity to expand existing project teams working on health informatics initiatives
- Can create and deliver new health informatics projects based on the expertise of students
- Can develop future talent management strategies based on student performance and capability
- Will actively contribute to the development of leaders in the health informatics industry



## Host Organisation Involvement

Host organisations will be required to provide the following:

- Work experience that students would not typically receive in an entry level role. Each work placement is
   6 months full-time in duration, or part-time equivalent.
- A project environment that has clear outcomes.
  Students will be matched to projects based on their skill set, experience and area of interest
- A student sponsor to coach and guide as well as actively develop the student's leadership skill
- An employment agreement, including a job description and key performance indicators for each student, and a workplace that adheres to WHS and EEO regulations
- A stipend, payable directly to the student, which will be based on market rates for an entry level health informatics professional

<sup>44</sup>Our industry partners are crucial to the success of the Fellowship Program. Providing opportunities for students to utilise their health informatics skills and work on real, valuable and challenging projects will in turn develop their leadership skills as well as create tangible health informatic outcomes for our partners.

Dr Chris Pearce – President, Australasian College of Health Informatics



#### Student Experience

The Fellowship Program includes the following components:

- A three-year full-time health informatic research doctoral program in a specialist topic area (or part-time equivalent)
- One year of significant experience with an agreed industry partner, NGO, and or government department (or part-time equivalent)
- Supplementary learning such as attendance at an annual workshop, quarterly virtual masterclasses and regular journal clubs

#### Student Benefits

Students who complete the Fellowship Program will:

- Obtain work experience allowing them to build a portfolio of work
- Create a career pathway and a future job network
- Receive a stipend for each work placement
- Have an opportunity to develop their leadership skills
- Receive ACHI Fellowship

### Additional Information

For additional queries or to discuss how your organisation can be involved in providing work placements, please visit **www.ehealth.edu.au/ahifp** or email the Fellowship Program Manager fellowship@achi.org.au