The community research team at the National Drug Research Institute, Curtin University, is seeking expressions of interest regarding a Research Officer position from enthusiastic and highly organised people with an interest in public health. The central focus of the team is to conduct research that informs community evidence-based intervention and policy, including research within the school setting. The team offers a supportive work environment with opportunities for ongoing training and career development. Interested persons should have completed tertiary qualifications, preferably honours level or higher in a relevant area.

The position reports to and works closely with Professor Steve Allsop and Senior Research Fellow Dr Nyanda McBride and will involve undertaking tasks, in conjunction with other CIs, on two school-based projects. The first project, The Commonwealth Illicit Drug Education Resource Project, is the continuation of an existing project and will focus on Phase two development of a teacher and parent illicit drug resource package with specific curriculum material aimed at preventing alcohol and illicit drug use and related harm. The second project is the Climate Schools Combined study, an internet-based universal prevention trial for anxiety, depression and substance use in young Australians.

The position requires a range of necessary skills including: experience working with or in schools and knowledge of school decision making processes; experience in recruiting school participation in external projects; conducting focus groups and interviews with school administrators, teacher and parents; writing reports and other publications; excellent attention to detail; ability to manage multiple tasks; excellent written and verbal communication skills, and ability to work effectively and cooperatively in a team environment.

The initial position will be for two years with the possibility of extension.

Interested persons are invited to email their current CV, an example of their writing, and a brief statement outlining their experience and qualifications in relation to the position to NDRISecretary@curtin.edu.au by 5pm, 30th July 2013.