

Project Officer (Tele-supervision Coordinator)

Introduction

Trinh Foundation Australia has partnered with the Medical Committee of Netherlands Vietnam (MCNV) to implement a USAID funded 5-year project to develop and implement Masters and Bachelors in Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) in Vietnam. The project is entering its 4th year, with a Masters in SALT at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy in Ho Chi Minh City and a Bachelors in SALT at the University of Medical Technology and Pharmacy in Danang. Through the partnership TFA sources lecturers and clinical supervisors for the courses.

Due to Covid19, speech pathologists from Australia have not been able to travel to Vietnam to supervise clinical placements as planned, and will not be able to do so for the foreseeable future. Instead, intermediate level placements in both degrees have been supervised by Vietnamese speech and language therapists (SALTs) who typically have certificate level training. They have been supported by volunteer speech pathologists, mostly based in Australia, who have provided mentoring support for supervision and clinical education processes to the local Vietnamese SALTs, and clinical reasoning tutorials for the students.

For the advanced level placements in both degrees, TFA intends to source speech pathologists/SLTs from Australia (and other countries if needed), who will be paid to provide 20 hours of tele-supervision per week, to supplement local Vietnamese SLTs' supervision and support students' clinical learning in terms of planning, delivery of assessments and therapy, reflection and clinical reasoning. With the consent of hospitals hosting the placements, and individual patient consent, we hope tele-supervision will be possible for up to 4 hrs/day for 5 days per week. Placement duration varies from 4 weeks to 9 weeks (see table below for placement dates). Each placement will be run across 4 placement sites, with between 3 and 5 students at each site. This means 4 speech pathologists/SLTs will need to be coordinated and supported to provide tele-supervision during each placement.

The Role

TFA is seeking to employ a Tele-supervision Project Coordinator for up to 100 hours across 2021 to support the tele-supervisors who will be running the clinical placement blocks. This support will be required before, during and after each block as outlined in the following placement schedule. Initially in 2021, there will be 10 weeks of tele-supervision.

Placement types and dates in MSALT and BSALT

| MSALT | | BSALT | |
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| Placement | Dates | Placement | Dates |
| CP5 (Paeds) | 4 weeks (4-28 May 2021) | | |
| CP6 (Adults) | 6 weeks (7 June – 16 July 2021) | CP5 (Mixed) | 4 weeks (27 Sept-22 October 2021) |

The responsibilities include:

1. Up to 10 hours across the year to brief and debrief tele-supervisors before and after each placement, according to the schedule.
2. During placement blocks up to an additional 5 hours per week to coordinate and support the tele-supervisors; assist with Zoom/ IT troubleshooting; answer questions regarding managing group student learning in placement settings; forward queries and issues to the host universities and placement sites as necessary for problem-solving and coordination.
3. Liaise with interpreters/ translators to ensure effective delivery and that the needs of all participants are met.
4. Liaise with the TFA Volunteer Coordinator regarding tele-supervisor support as necessary.
5. Liaise with the TFA Board on the project including providing regular progress reports and working with the Directors on specific activities and needs.

Selection criteria: Knowledge, skills and experience

1. Degree in speech pathology or SLT.
2. Experience with the provision of tele-supervision.
3. Experience in clinical education of speech pathology/SLT students.
4. Reliable internet and experience with Zoom.
5. Understanding of Vietnamese culture and healthcare facilities or a willingness to undertake self-directed learning to inform understanding.
6. Flexibility with working arrangements and ability to manage time zone differences (NB: During AEDST, Vietnam's time zone is 1hr behind WA, 4hrs behind NSW and Victoria, 3hrs behind Queensland; outside of AEDST, the time difference is 3 hours for NSW and Victoria).
7. Experience in a similar role is desirable, particularly working in a cross-cultural context.

Remuneration: A rate of \$35AUD per hour.

Applications: Please email an application (2 pages maximum) addressing the Selection Criteria and outlining your interest in the position, along with a short CV by **5.00pm AEDST** on **31 January 2021** to:

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