Clinical Fellowship for lower-middle income countries

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Clinical Fellowship program

The final Evidence-based Clinical Fellowship Program for 2017 commenced in June with 18 participants from around the globe. These health professionals had completed a week of intensive training and mentoring with JBI in areas of critical need. JBI staff work closely with each participant as they develop a project to transfer what they have learned at JBI to their clinical areas of practice. Of the 18 participants, JBI is proud to host three indigenous health professionals funded by the Joanna Briggs Foundation and the National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia. Over the next six months, the participants will be implementing their evidence-based projects to improve health outcomes in their home settings. Projects include improving sedation administration for patients with mechanical ventilation in surgical intensive care unit; fluid management strategies in peritoneal dialysis of children, and implementation of an enhanced recovery after colorectal surgery protocol.

We look forward to seeing the Fellows in December 2017 for week two of the program where each participant will present what they have achieved through implementing their findings in their local community, with the aim of improving health outcomes. By undertaking the JBI Clinical Fellowship Program these participants will make a real difference within their communities to influence better health outcomes based on research and evidence.

LMIC Clinical Fellowship program

In addition to three intakes a year for the Evidence-based Clinical Fellowship Program, JBI runs a Clinical Fellowship dedicated for participants from low-and-middle income countries (LMIC). The LMIC Clinical Fellowship Program is funded by the Joanna Briggs Foundation, which fully sponsors health professionals to travel to Adelaide and work closely with JBI staff. JBI staff mentor each Clinical Fellow as they learn how to implement an evidence-based project to improve healthcare in their own work environment. The best available evidence is used to inform
decision-making at the point of care to improve health outcomes in communities globally. The seven LMIC clinical fellows were from Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria and Ghana. The projects include developing a Haemorrhage Management Checklist Tool for managing response and intervention to reduce maternal mortality, and Investigation of tuberculosis (TB) contacts and management of TB preventative therapy to reduce numbers of cases of active TB in childhood. Presentations were given by participants after their first week of the program and highlighted the challenges that health professionals face in LMICs. For example, our Ear Nose and Throat (ENT) specialist from Nigeria works without basic equipment to examine patients and provide a proper diagnosis. The Joanna Briggs Foundation, on discovering this need, will fund the purchase of the necessary equipment to provide adequate diagnosis for ENT patients.

Comprehensive Systematic Review Training program in Portugal

The 6th Comprehensive Systematic Review Training program, organized by the Portugal Centre for Evidence-based Practice (PCEBP), took place on 10-14 July 2017. The group consisting of 11 participants showed great commitment and interest in the program and were keen to continue developing their synthesis science skills.
Associate Professor Zac Munn joins the Guidelines International Network

Associate Professor Zac Munn was nominated and successfully appointed as a board of trustee’s member for the G-I-N (Guidelines International Network).

The Guidelines International Network is the leading organisation that enables organisations and individuals to work together on issues and projects related to guideline development, implementation and research. We wish Associate Professor Munn all the best with his new appointment.

Associate Professor Zac Munn presents a webinar

Associate Professor Zac Munn presented a webinar for HSRAANZ (Health Services Research Associations of Australia and New Zealand) Webinar Series. The presentation was titled, ‘An introduction to the GRADE approach in systematic reviews and guideline development.’

There were over 180 registrants with lots of interest about the JBI grading system used in healthcare. For more information, please visit http://www.hsraanz.org/past-events/

Dr Catalin Tufanaru presents a webinar

Dr Catalin Tufanaru presented a 45 minute webinar on 13 June 2017 on ‘Conclusions versus decisions in quantitative research’ for HSRAANZ (Health Services Research Association of Australia and New Zealand) Webinar Series. The webinar discussed ideas and implications relevant to health researchers, practitioners and policy-makers. For further information about the topic discussed visit http://www.hsraanz.org/past-events/

MASCC/ISOO conference

The Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC) and the International Society of Oral Oncology (ISOO) hosted its annual meeting in Washington DC, USA on June 22-24 2017. Associate Professor Edoardo Aromataris, Dr Catalin Tufanaru and Dr Micah Peters were invited to present their work on cancer related topics. Associate Professor Aromataris’ presentation was titled, ‘The impact of cancer related disability and unmet needs of people with cancer related disability’. Dr Tufanaru’s presentation was titled, ‘Cancer-Related
Psychological Impairments: Insights from a systematic review. Dr Peters spoke about his future research interests and also presented on nursing management of epidermal growth factor receptor inhibitor (EGFRI) induced skin toxicity based: a JBI implementation project at Shanghai Cancer Hospital. Associate Professor Aromataris said, ‘The conference was a great gathering of dedicated practitioners and researchers focused on supportive care in cancer. An excellent meeting in a fabulous venue.’ For more information about the conference visit http://mascc2017.com/meeting-information/welcome-letter#.WUDAOuSweUI

Issue 7 of the JBI Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports

The JBI Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports (JBISRIR) published issue 7 on Friday 14th July. The latest issue includes topics on anxiety and stress, Huntington’s disease, palliative care, anaesthesia and coronary artery procedures and angiography. Please follow us on Twitter and Facebook. For more information visit our journal page http://journals.lww.com/jbisrir/Pages/default.aspx

Cochrane Nursing Care Field

The Cochrane Nursing Care Field (CNCF) is delighted to announce the renewal of its existing publication agreement with the ‘Nursing Standard’, a periodical currently regarded as the UK’s best-selling nursing journal. The journal has sought a further seven summaries on Cochrane Reviews, which will see the Field’s articles published in this high impact periodical well into 2018. The Nursing Standard brings its subscribers comprehensive coverage of leading clinical practice, research articles, and topics on continuing professional development, in addition to information and updates on critical developments in the nursing profession.

GE Summit 2017

The Global Evidence Summit Conference will be held from 13-16 September 2017 in Cape Town, South Africa. This conference is aimed at individuals with an interest in systematic reviews, research synthesis and evidence based health care. To coincide with this conference, JBI is offering Comprehensive Systematic Review Training in Cape Town from 6 to 10 September 2017. The program and link to register is at http://joannabriggs.org/education/short-courses/csrtp.
GRADE Workshop
The Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) approach reflects ‘best practice’ in terms of clinical guideline development and has been endorsed by organisations across the globe.

The JBI Adelaide GRADE Centre offers a one-day workshop designed for systematic reviewers, guideline developers and others wanting to learn more about GRADE methodology, particularly the creation of Summary of Findings tables and Evidence Profiles. The course includes information on the theory of GRADE along with hands-on activities. Click here to register for the next workshop scheduled for 20 October, 9am–4.30pm.

Clinical Fellowship Program
Be empowered and equipped with the skills to improve patient outcomes. This program provides proven approaches to implement evidence into practice. This is a six-month workplace, evidence-based, implementation program involving two five-day intensive workshops in the Joanna Briggs Institute, and a workplace evidence implementation project over the intervening months. On completion participants have a report ready to be published in a peer reviewed journal and accessible in international medical databases and Google Scholar.

Click here to register for the March 2018 intake of the Clinical Fellowship Program.

Systematic Review Training Program (Modules 1, 2 and 3)
This world-class systematic review training program incorporates both theory and hands-on experience. Throughout the program participants learn how to develop a focused question, search for relevant literature, appraise and synthesise evidence arising from research.

By the end of the program participants will have a completed protocol and be ready to commence a review.

On successful completion of the program participants can become Certified Reviewers. Certified Reviewers are accredited for a period of two years as authors in the JBI Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports (JBISRIR), a refereed online journal, the content of which is indexed in Embase, Scopus, Mosby’s Index (Elsevier), CINAHL (EBSCO) and MEDLINE.

Click here to register for the October 2017 intake of the Systematic Review Training Program.
External events

The UCSF Centre for Evidence Synthesis and Implementation

Address: UCSF Medical Center Institute for Nursing Excellence
2233 Post Street, Ste 201, Box 1834, San Francisco, CA USA 94115, 01-415-353-1993

Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program
14–18 August 2017
25–29 September 2017

Clinical Fellows Program
Week 2: 13–17 November 2017

The Czech Republic (Middle European) Centre for Evidence-Based Healthcare

Address: Hnevotinska 3 775 15, Olomouc, Czech Republic

Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program
4–8 September 2017

Joanna Briggs Collaborating Centres may request an event to be added to the JBI website. Please fill out the JBC Event Form.
Centre changes

The Joanna Briggs Institute and the Joanna Briggs Collaboration has welcomed three new Affiliated Groups:

1) Trinity Centre Practice and Healthcare Innovation, Trinity College Dublin: A Joanna Briggs Institute Affiliated Group, led by Dr Anne-Marie Brady

2) Iranian EBM Centre: A Joanna Briggs Institute Affiliated Group, from Tabriz, led by Dr Sakineh Hajabrahimi

3) PR China Southern Centre for Evidence Based Nursing and Midwifery Practice: A Joanna Briggs Institute Affiliated Group, from Guangzhou, led by Prof Lili Zhang

Covenant Health Canada: A Joanna Briggs Institute Affiliated Group

JBI and the JBC farewells Covenant Health Canada who are disassociating as a JBC Affiliated Group. JBI thanks Sharna Polard for her contribution as the Group’s Convenor.

58th JBC Committee of Directors Meeting (12-16 September 2017)

All Centre of Excellence Directors eligible to receive funding have now received their quotes for flights to Cape Town, South Africa in September 2017. For those Directors who have not yet booked their flights to Cape Town, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible as JBI will only reimburse the maximum quoted amount, with any difference being incurred by the Centre.

A friendly reminder that claims must be submitted within three months of purchase, as per The University of Adelaide’s travel reimbursement policy. Please email your supporting documentation for reimbursement to Pam Fletcher via the Collaboration Support Office at jbc@adelaide.edu.au

All other Centre of Excellence Directors and Affiliated Group convenors who intend to attend the meeting are asked to kindly RSVP their attendance with the Collaboration Support Office at jbc@adelaide.edu.au

Visas

Any centres requiring visa letters for travel to South Africa please email your request to Pam Fletcher via the Collaboration Support Office at jbc@adelaide.edu.au

JBC news

JBI and the JBC congratulate Professor Bridie Kent, Director of the University of Plymouth Centre for Innovations in Health and Social Care: A Joanna Briggs Institute Centre of Excellence, in her recent efforts in competing in the Stockholm Marathon. Professor Kent completed the marathon in the top 9% of her field, in an admirable 4hrs 26mins. The route included the old Olympic Stadium and the Abba Museum.
Celebrating 20 Years

JBI would like to acknowledge two of our longest standing Centres of Excellence that have played an integral part in the innovative work of our ever-evolving global organisation over the past 20 years.

In 2017 the Western Australian Group for Evidence Informed Healthcare Practice (WAGEIHP) and The Queensland Centre for Evidence Based Nursing and Midwifery celebrate 20 years of partnership with the Joanna Briggs Institute and were among the first Centres to form the international Joanna Briggs Collaboration in 1997.

JBI thanks both Centres for their ongoing commitment to JBI’s mission of promoting and supporting evidence-based healthcare to improve the quality and outcomes of healthcare globally.

Congratulations to Dr Sally Wilson and the WAGEIHP Team on celebrating their 20th anniversary as a Collaborating Entity of JBI.
Applicants open for 2018 intake

Our Higher Degree Research (HDR) committee is now accepting expressions of interest for the 2018 student intake for undertaking a HDR program. The focus and methods of this higher degree by research training program are based upon the Joanna Briggs Institute methodology and software for systematic reviews, and the same methodologies and software that are used by the Institute’s global Collaboration of 75 Centres and Entities around the world. The degree is covered under the Government's Research Training Scheme (RTS), which means it has no fees attached (to Australian and New Zealand citizens and/or residents). Further, given this is a research degree, there are no expectations for students to attend weekly lectures or submit regular written assignments. This program can be completed in full-time enrolment capacity with minimal contact hours, or remotely for interstate participates. During the first semester of candidature there are two intensive residencies over one week. There is also a mid-year symposium at the end of the first semester. In each subsequent semester, all students are required to attend a compulsory two-day Research School as part of the ongoing program. Research School has proven to be a very effective forum for students to meet and present ideas and findings. It also provides an opportunity for newer students to receive feedback on their progress.

“Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten.”

B. F. Skinner (Social Philosopher)

During the two intensive residencies, academic staff of the school teach systematic review methods and basic research design for both quantitative and qualitative methods, as well as, literature searching and software training. This enables students to structure and develop a systematic review protocol. Students then continue with their systematic review throughout their candidature and when it is complete, it is published in the JBI Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports and forms the basis of the requirements for a dissertation that will be accepted by the University of Adelaide for the Master of Clinical Science. Students are also expected to publish from their review while in active candidature, which they can do in the JBI Database of Systematic Reviews and Implementation Reports. This research degree is a one-to-two year full time program. Exceptional students who complete all the program requirements within 12 months of enrolment may be eligible to apply for the pathway upgrade to PhD. It should be noted that the Master of Clinical Science is not discipline specific, and attracts students from Medicine, Surgery, Psychology, Speech Therapy, Podiatry, Dentistry, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Medical Imaging and Information Science among other specialties. For further inquiries please contact Alex.Mignone@adelaide.edu.au. All other general information regarding our higher degree programs can be located here http://health.adelaide.edu.au/jbi/

JBI-HDRP research school/symposium coming up

Our second JBI-HDRP research school will be held on 2nd and 3rd August 2017. By now all students and academic staff will have received the final agenda for the event. As usual, we ask that staff attend the scheduled sessions and be available to their students. We will also be holding our first student debate for 2017, which we are hoping to be one of the highlights of the two day event. Research School is always a great opportunity to discuss with students any approaching milestone assessments – such as the 2017 commencing students’ Core Component of the Structured Program (CCSP) due 6th August, and the Annual Review of Progress is due 31st October for our continuing students.
Florey postgraduate research conference

On September 20th 2017, the 11th Florey Postgraduate Conference will be held in Adelaide. JBI Higher Degree by Research (HDR) student, Tanja Klotz (pictured), from the 2016 intake, was one of several JBI students who presented a poster at last year’s conference.

The Florey Postgraduate Research Conference showcases the research undertaken by more than 100 research postgraduate students from across the schools and disciplines of the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences. This Career and Research Skills Training (CaRST) accredited event will also present an array of distinguished speakers delivering discussions on specialised topics. Participation in this conference is widely recognised as being beneficial for a student’s track record, ongoing professional and personal development and public presentation skills. All JBI academic supervisors should encourage their students to submit a poster for presentation at this prestigious annual event. Abstracts must be submitted by 6th August 2017.

HDR – 2017 commencing student

Vivienne Leigh is a JBI commencing HDR student. Her master’s research proposal investigates the effectiveness and harms of pharmacological interventions in the management of delirium in adults in intensive care units post cardiac surgery. New Zealand born and bred Vivienne has a passion for study, having already completed three undergraduate degrees in education (adult), science (microbiology) and nursing. More recently, Vivienne completed her clinical Honours year through the University of Tasmania and a postgraduate certificate in critical care nursing with the University of Technology Sydney.

In July 2010, Vivienne and her partner, Brooke, moved to Perth, Western Australia from Dunedin, New Zealand, where she undertook nursing studies as a mature aged student, graduating with a Bachelor of Nursing from The University of Notre Dame, Fremantle in 2013. In 2015, Vivienne then secured a graduate program at Royal North Shore Hospital (RNSH), Sydney, with direct entry into intensive care where she has opted to specialise in cardiothoracic ICU nursing, a position she has held for the past three years. On her current workplace, Vivienne writes, ‘Our practice at Royal North Shore Hospital ICU is founded on current research and evidence-based healthcare. As an employer, Royal North Shore Hospital encourage their staff to participate in that process through continued education, a philosophy that has allowed me to grow academically and clinically as a result.’

Vivienne is now based in Adelaide, however she continues to work in Sydney every second week. After relocating to Adelaide Vivienne discovered the JBI Masters and PhD research study programs. It was through her undergraduate studies that she became aware of JBI and its global reputation in evidence-based healthcare. The Institute’s methodology resonated with Vivienne as it forms the foundation of her clinical practice and fits within the philosophy of the unit she works in. Participation in research has always interested Vivienne because of her desire to improve the way that clinical practice is delivered and conducted at the bedside. On her JBI research study Vivienne writes, ‘My masters project is
looking at the effectiveness of pharmacological and nurse initiated non-pharmacological interventions for the treatment of delirium in adults admitted into the intensive care unit post cardiac surgery. With the guidance and support from my supervisors, Dr Catalin Tufanaru and Dr Rosalind Elliott, I hope that this study will help improve bedside treatment and management of delirium so as to reduce the severity and duration of the deliria episode, leading to improved overall patient care and outcomes.’ Vivienne’s feedback on undertaking a HDR degree with JBI has been favourable. She states, ‘My experience with JBI thus far has been extremely positive. Our first study week was intensive, stimulating and exhausting, but also provided a great opportunity to meet both staff and students. I am very excited about this project and working under the supervision of such an amazing team.’