



**The Royal  
Melbourne  
Hospital**

# Advancing health for everyone, every day.

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Melbourne  
Hospital team**



**Position Description**

**Grade 3 Medical Scientist**



## THE ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL

The Royal Melbourne Hospital (RMH) began in 1848 as Victoria's first public hospital. And while we only had 10 beds to our name, we had the community of Melbourne behind us, and we were ready to provide the best possible care for those in need.

Since those early years, we've moved forward with purpose. Always at the forefront, leading the way on improving the quality of life for all.

Today the RMH is one of the largest health providers in the state, providing a comprehensive range of specialist medical, surgical, and mental health services; as well as rehabilitation, aged care, outpatient and community programs.

Our reputation for caring for all Melburnians is as essential to who we are as any scientific breakthrough we make. We're here when it matters most, and we'll continue to be the first to speak out for our diverse community's wellbeing.

## OUR VISION

**Advancing health for everyone, every day.**

## THE MELBOURNE WAY

At The RMH we're inspired by our vision of Advancing health for everyone, every day. While we're each going about our different roles, we're united by a shared understanding of the way we do things around here. We call it the Melbourne Way. We put people first — leading with kindness and working together, we excel as one Royal Melbourne Hospital.

### People First



People are at the heart of everything we do. We take the time to understand how we can make the most positive difference for them.

### Lead with Kindness



Our care and compassion sets us apart. We lead the way with a respectful, inclusive spirit — embracing the things that make us all unique.

### Excellence Together



True excellence is only possible when we work as one Royal Melbourne Hospital community. Through collaboration, we set the highest of standards and achieve our goals.

## OUR PRIORITIES

The RMH Strategic Plan: Towards 2025. Advancing health for everyone, every day is our plan for the future — one which we are committed to achieving together. This position contributes to the achievement of the five Strategic Goals, articulated in the plan:

1. **Be a great place to work and a great place to receive care**
2. **Grow our Home First approach**
3. **Realise the potential of the Melbourne Biomedical Precinct**
4. **Become a digital health service**
5. **Strive for sustainability**





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- Conduct work at Physical Containment level 2 (PC) standards, whilst complying with all Department of Agriculture, Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR), National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) and ISO 35001 conditions.
  - Design, develop and assess molecular diagnostic assays (PCRs and WGS) and approaches which support the Translational diagnostics lab.
  - To support and drive ongoing development of the WGS program within the Translational diagnostics laboratory team and broadly within VIDRL.
  - To develop new and novel assays for diagnosis of infectious diseases.
  - To evaluate new and emerging technologies in infectious disease diagnostics
  - Provide training and support to staff as required.
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## KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

- To work using best laboratory practice at PC2 and work within numerous regulatory and compliance frameworks, including NATA, OGTR and DA.
- Understand and work within the VIDRL Quality Management System.
- Drive the design, development and assessment of molecular diagnostic assays for implementation within the Translational Diagnostics laboratory for utility within a public health diagnostic environment.
- Assist with planning and performing of whole genome sequencing within the TD laboratory, in addition to providing support and training to other VIDRL staff on WGS projects when required.
- Work with Section Head and Quality to prepare Test validation reports (TVRs) for new and non-accredited assays for NATA review.
- Provide assistance with TD laboratory quality and compliance issues – preparing corrective action reports and devising remedial measures with Section head.
- Ensure projects within Translational Diagnostics laboratory and other sections within VIDRL are managed effectively and in a timely manner.
- Assist junior staff with analysis and preparation of data for experimental reports.
- Ensure training and competencies of junior staff are up to date and communicate discrepancies to Section Head.
- Contribute to efforts ensuring that the TD laboratory remains a contamination free environment and all equipment is performing as per installation.
- Engage with external parties to coordinate equipment repairs and servicing when required or procurement of reagents.
- Contribute to organisation-wide research and service/division initiatives and planning activities.
- Perform other scientific duties as directed by the Section Head consistent with the classification of this position
- Provide assistance with rostering, inventory management and equipment maintenance/repair within the Translational Diagnostics Laboratory.
- Take reasonable care for your safety and wellbeing and that of others.
- Work in your scope of practice and seek help where required.
- Work in partnership with consumers, patients and where applicable carers and families.
- Work collaboratively with colleagues across all RMH and PDI teams.
- Continue to learn through mandatory training and other learning activities.
- Seek feedback on your work including participation in annual performance discussion.
- Speak up for safety, our values and wellbeing.
- Prioritise wellbeing and ensure safe work practices are developed and adhered to in their area.
- Respect that the RMH is a smoke-free environment







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**AT THE RMH WE:**

- Aim to provide a working environment that is safe and without risk to the health, safety and wellbeing of all employees, patients and consumers, and visitors.
- Speak up for patient, consumer, colleague and visitor safety, escalating issues if required.
- Deliver Safe, Timely, Equitable, Person-centred Care (STEP) in line with our clinical governance framework.
- Work in accordance with relevant policies, procedures, standards and legislation including those related to clinical or competency requirements, risk management, discrimination, equal opportunity and health safety and wellbeing.

**OUR COMMITMENT:**

- **Equity, Inclusion, Belonging and Safety**
  - As a leader in healthcare, we recognise the need to foster a culture of equity, inclusion, and belonging — safe spaces where every individual is empowered to be their authentic self, contributing meaningfully to the collective well-being of our community.
- **First Nations Commitment**
  - We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we work and stand in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We are committed to creating a culturally safe environment that honours First Nations voices, knowledge, and self-determination through inclusive governance, respectful policies, and a steadfast commitment to anti-racism. The Royal Melbourne aspires to lead by example in addressing the injustices of colonisation and its ongoing impacts.
- **Child Safe Standards**
  - RMH is a child safe organisation. We are dedicated to fostering an environment that respects and upholds the rights of children and young people, in line with the Child Safe Standards. We actively embed these standards in our culture, policies, and practices, ensuring that the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a central priority.
- **Equal Opportunity and Accessibility**
  - We are proud to be an equal opportunity employer that champions diversity in all its forms. We value the strengths and perspectives that come from people of all backgrounds, identities, abilities, and lived experiences. We encourage applicants from all communities, and we will provide reasonable adjustments to support equitable participation.
- **Thriving Together**
  - Together, we are committed to fostering an environment where everyone feels respected, safe, and empowered to thrive.

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**ACCEPTANCE**

I acknowledge and accept that this position description represents the duties, responsibilities and accountabilities that are expected of me in my employment in the position. I understand that The RMH reserves the right to modify position descriptions as required, however I will be consulted when this occurs.

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Employee Signature

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Employee Name (please print)

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Date

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