# Project Title: Designing paediatric orthopaedic implants

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## Host School / Institute: Children's Hospital at Westmead Clinical School

## Address:
EPIC Lab, Kids Research, Children's Hospital at Westmead

## Certificates & Clearances required: Yes

- *Vaccination Certificate*
- *Working with children clearance*
- *Police clearance*

*Information on how to obtain certificates, where necessary, will be given to successful applicants.*

## Primary Supervisor: Dr Tegan Cheng

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## Co-Supervisor/team:
This project will involve working with orthopaedic surgeon [Prof David Little](mailto:profdavidlittle@sydney.edu.au) who is a subject matter expert and will provide the problem statement. Jonathon Lillia is a graduate engineer who will assist with 3D modelling, 3D printing and other aspects of iterative design methodologies in paediatric orthopaedic implant design.

## Project Type: Design; Laboratory based

## Project Category: Bone; Paediatrics/Child Health

## Skills / Attributes of a successful student:
Some experience with 3D modelling software. Enthusiasm, creativity and a problem solving attitude.

## Project Keywords: orthopaedics; bone; design; implant; children

## Project Description:
The developing skeleton brings unique challenges to the successful design of medical devices for the paediatric population. Children have very different needs to adults, and medical device design requires consideration of their relative size, rapid growth, and high levels of physical activity.

In this project, the student will assist in the development of specialty orthopaedic implants for the children. These plates will be used to help correct deformities as the child grows, a concept known as guided growth. This project will involve computer modelling, 3D printing, and an iterative approach to medical device development.