

Research job brings Meina home

THE calibre of new research in WA has persuaded one of the State's top bio-ethicists to return from the US.

Twenty-four-year-old Meina Lee left a position at Stanford University in California to return to a Perth appointment.

Ms Lee will head the bioethics and community outreach program at the WA Institute for Medical Research (WAIMR) laboratory for genetic epidemiology.

"As a bio-ethicist, I help scientific groups work through the critical issue of ethics in research," she said.

"WA is leading the world in many areas of medical research and when I found there may be an opportunity for me to work on a large scale health study I didn't hesitate to come back home".

Ms Lee, whose family lives in Mount Pleasant, will be working on the proposed Joondalup Family Health Study.

The study is likely to begin its pilot phase late this year.

It is planned to broaden the study to other areas of the metropolitan area and depending on its success, to the whole of WA.



Meina Lee. *Picture: Andrew Ritchie*