



## POSITION DESCRIPTION

Department of Economics  
Faculty of Business and Economics

### Griffin Chair in Economic History

<b>POSITION NO</b>	0051077
<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	Level E
<b>SALARY</b>	An attractive remuneration package, commensurate with qualifications and experience, will be offered to the successful candidate
<b>SUPERANNUATION</b>	Employer contribution of 17%
<b>WORKING HOURS</b>	Full Time
<b>BASIS OF EMPLOYMENT</b>	Continuing
<b>OTHER BENEFITS</b>	<a href="https://about.unimelb.edu.au/careers/staff-benefits">https://about.unimelb.edu.au/careers/staff-benefits</a>
<b>HOW TO APPLY</b>	Online applications are preferred. Go to : <a href="https://econjobmarket.org/positions/6653">https://econjobmarket.org/positions/6653</a>
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## ***Position Summary***

The Griffin Chair in Economic History will play a leadership role within the Department of Economics in revitalising and leading its research and teaching in economic history. The Chair will support the Department's objectives in research, teaching and engagement by pursuing research in the discipline, publishing in leading international journals, playing a leading role in teaching innovation and course and curriculum development, and contributing to external debate on the relevance of economic history to better understand and respond to current economic conditions and developments. The Chair will make a significant contribution to the collegial and intellectual life, and the sustained success of the Department and discipline of economic history, and provide excellent administrative leadership.

The successful applicant will have an outstanding track record in research in the field of economic history, including publications in leading international general and field journals. The Chair will have capacity to lead the development of a research program in economic history and to mentor junior researchers in the field. The Chair will have capacity to enthusiastically teach undergraduate and graduate subject in economic history, and to engage with other Departments in the university involved in history-related disciplines. The chair will have the capacity to promote the field of economic history outside of the university, including to alumni, to government and business and to the general community.

## ***1. Key Responsibilities***

### **1.1 RESEARCH AND RESEARCH TRAINING**

- ▶ Publish in top general interest economics and field journals in economic history and related fields.
- ▶ Seek and develop opportunities for research collaboration within the department and beyond the University.
- ▶ Participate in and contribute to the organisation of academic conferences, seminars and workshops.
- ▶ Ensure ongoing success in research proposals and competitive external research grants.
- ▶ Contribute to the Department's programs and the research training of its higher degree research students.
- ▶ Contribute to a vibrant research environment, by mentoring junior academic staff in their research endeavours, and contributing to research events within the Department and Research Units.

### **1.2 TEACHING AND LEARNING**

- ▶ Coordinate and teach subjects as directed by the Head of Department.
- ▶ Participate in and lead initiatives to improve course and subject offerings in economic history.

### **1.3 LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT**

- ▶ Provide academic and managerial leadership within the Department in research activities and in supporting and mentoring junior academic staff.

- ▶ Contribute to the recruitment activities of the Department, by actively engaging with recruitment prospects and when appropriate be a member of the recruitment panel.
- ▶ Provide academic leadership more widely in the Faculty of Business and Economics and the University where appropriate.
- ▶ Provide service to the University, Faculty and Department, through meetings and committee work, including membership of the Academic Board and its sub-committees.
- ▶ Undertake other administrative duties, as appropriate to the level of appointment.
- ▶ Meet the University of Melbourne's leadership expectations for a Professor.

#### **1.4 SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSION**

- ▶ Contribute to the profession and community through activities such as conferences and advice to government and industry bodies.
- ▶ Promote the University and the discipline of economic history by participating in appropriate local, national and international organisations.

## ***2. Selection Criteria***

### **2.1 ESSENTIAL**

- ▶ A Ph.D. in economic history or a related disciplinary area.
- ▶ A distinguished international reputation and outstanding research record in economic history.
- ▶ The ability to provide high quality leadership in research, teaching, administration and engagement in economic history and economics in general
- ▶ Demonstrated capacity to provide high quality mentoring and supervision of staff and graduate students.
- ▶ Demonstrated capacity to secure funds from external competitive grants.
- ▶ A record of high quality, successful teaching innovation and leadership in course and curriculum development.
- ▶ An ability to work effectively and lead within a large department.

### **2.2 DESIRABLE**

- ▶ Experience with fostering online and alternative modes of teaching.
- ▶ A demonstrated record of effective engagement with the wider community.
- ▶ Leadership in and/or membership of relevant professional bodies, advisory/editorial boards and other relevant organisations.

### **2.3 OTHER JOB RELATED INFORMATION**

- ▶ This position requires the incumbent to hold a current and valid Working with Children Check.

### ***3. Equal Opportunity, Diversity and Inclusion***

The University is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to providing a workplace free from all forms of unlawful discrimination, harassment, bullying, vilification and victimisation. The University makes decisions on employment, promotion and reward on the basis of merit.

The University is committed to all aspects of equal opportunity, diversity and inclusion in the workplace and to providing all staff, students, contractors, honorary appointees, volunteers and visitors with a safe, respectful and rewarding environment free from all forms of unlawful discrimination, harassment, vilification and victimisation. This commitment is set out in the University's People Strategy 2015-2020 and policies that address diversity and inclusion, equal employment opportunity, discrimination, sexual harassment, bullying and appropriate workplace behaviour. All staff are required to comply with all University policies.

The University values diversity because we recognise that the differences in our people's age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, nationality, sexual orientation, physical ability and background bring richness to our work environment. Consequently, the People Strategy sets out the strategic aim to drive diversity and inclusion across the University to create an environment where the compounding benefits of a diverse workforce are recognised as vital in our continuous desire to strive for excellence and reach the targets of Growing Esteem.

### ***4. Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)***

All staff are required to take reasonable care for their own health and safety and that of other personnel who may be affected by their conduct.

OHS responsibilities applicable to positions are published at:

<https://safety.unimelb.edu.au/people/community/responsibilities-of-personnel>

These include general staff responsibilities and those additional responsibilities that apply for Managers and Supervisors and other Personnel.

### ***5. Other Information***

#### **5.1 ORGANISATION UNIT**

<http://www.economics.unimelb.edu.au/>

The Department of Economics is a leading department in Australia with a strong postgraduate program and an outstanding group of economists and econometricians, all of whom have high research profiles. The Department is one of the largest departments in the Faculty of Business and Economics. The Department is research active and performs teaching and research in the areas of economics, econometrics and actuarial studies. The Department provides high quality teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels and undertakes high quality research. The Department actively contributes to the community and maintains strong ties to business and government sectors.

Located within the Department are:

- Centre for Actuarial Studies
- Trade and Development Research Unit
- Economic Theory Research Unit
- Microeconometrics Research Unit
- Macroeconomics Research Unit
- Households Research Unit
- Centre for Market Design

## 5.2 BUDGET DIVISION

The Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Melbourne has been preparing students for exciting and challenging careers in industry since 1924. We have developed an outstanding reputation, locally and internationally, for the quality of our teaching and research. The Faculty has an active board of business leaders, government representatives and community leaders who contribute to the implementation of our vision.

### Organisational Structure

The Faculty is home to Melbourne Business School (MBS) and to six teaching and research departments:

Accounting

Business Administration

Economics

Finance

Management and Marketing

Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research

The Faculty has the following student and academic support centres:

Academic Support Office

Student Employability and Enrichment

Research Development Unit

The Williams Centre for Learning Advancement

The Faculty is supported by the following Professional Services Units:

Finance

Human Resources (including OHS)

Marketing and Communications

Service Level and Facilities Management

Quality Office

The faculty also hosts two University-wide initiatives:

- ▶ The Melbourne School of Professional and Continuing Education (MSPACE) which provides support to all Academic Divisions for their existing professional, continuing and executive education programs, and operates with a specific whole-of-institution mandate to significantly expand the University's professional, continuing and executive education offerings.
- ▶ The Melbourne Entrepreneurial Centre (MEC) which brings together a number of programs to focus a range of activities aimed at developing an entrepreneurial culture at the University of Melbourne.

### Our Programs

There are about 9,500 students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate degrees within the Faculty.

The Bachelor of Commerce is one of the most sought-after business courses in Australia. From 1 May 2013 all graduate programs in business and economics are offered through Melbourne Business School. Melbourne Business School offers a full suite of professional masters programs for those with little work experience right through to the MBA suite. It is also the home of leading research masters degrees and the PhD.

### Our Graduates

Since the Faculty was established it has produced over 53,000 graduates. Many of our alumni now occupy senior positions in business, government and academia, in Australia and around the world.

Further information about the Faculty is available at [www.fbe.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.fbe.unimelb.edu.au).

## 5.3 THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Established in 1853, the University of Melbourne is a leading international university with a tradition of excellence in teaching and research. The main campus in Parkville is recognised as the hub of Australia's premier knowledge precinct comprising eight hospitals, many leading research institutes and a wide-range of knowledge-based industries. With outstanding performance in international rankings, the University is at the forefront of higher education in the Asia-Pacific region and the world.

The University employs people of outstanding calibre and offers a unique environment where staff are valued and rewarded.

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## 5.4 ADVANCING MELBOURNE

The University's strategic direction is grounded in its purpose. While its expression may change, our purpose is enduring: to benefit society through the transformative impact of education and research. Together, the vision and purpose inform the focus and scale of our aspirations for the coming decade.

Advancing Melbourne reflects the University's commitment to its people, its place, and its partners. Our aspiration for 2030 is to be known as a world-leading and globally connected Australian university, with our students at the heart of everything we do.

We will offer students a distinctive and outstanding education and experience, preparing them for success as leaders, change agents and global citizens.

We will be recognised locally and globally for our leadership on matters of national and global importance, through outstanding research and scholarship and a commitment to collaboration.

We will be empowered by our sense of place and connections with communities. We will take opportunities to advance both the University and the City of Melbourne in close collaboration and synergy.

We will deliver this through building a brilliant, diverse and vibrant University community, with strong connections to those we serve.

The means for achieving these goals include the development of the University of Melbourne's academic and professional staff and the capabilities needed to support a modern, world-class university. Those means require a commitment to ongoing financial sustainability and an ambitious infrastructure program which will reshape the campus and our contribution to the communities we engage with. This strategy, and the priorities proposed, is centred around five intersecting themes; place, community, education, discovery and global.

## 5.5 GOVERNANCE

The Vice Chancellor is the Chief Executive Officer of the University and responsible to Council for the good management of the University.

Comprehensive information about the University of Melbourne and its governance structure is available at <https://about.unimelb.edu.au/strategy/governance>