

Position Description –Research Fellow

Position Details

Position Title:	Research Fellow
Position Number:	NEW
Portfolio:	Global Development Portfolio
School/Group:	RMIT Europe and School of Health and Biomedical Sciences
Campus Location:	Based at RMIT Europe (Barcelona, Spain), travel may be required
Employment Type:	Full-time, fixed-term – 30 months (commencing March 2018)
Salary:	37.000€ per annum

RMIT University

RMIT is a global university of technology, design and enterprise in which teaching, research and engagement are central to achieving positive impact and creating life-changing experiences for our students.

One of Australia's original educational institutions founded in 1887, RMIT University now has 83,000 students including 12,000 at postgraduate level.

The University enjoys an international reputation for excellence in professional and vocational education, applied and innovative research, and engagement with the needs of industry and the community.

With three campuses in Melbourne (City, Brunswick and Bundoora), two in Vietnam (Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City) and a centre in Barcelona, Spain, RMIT is a truly global university. RMIT also offers programs through partners in Singapore, Hong Kong, mainland China, Indonesia and Sri Lanka, and enjoys research and industry partnerships on every continent.

RMIT prides itself on the strong industry links it has forged over its 130-year history. Collaboration with industry is integral to the University's leadership in applied research and education, and to the development of highly skilled, globally focused graduates.

We are a 5-Star university under the QS Stars international evaluation system, and are 16th in the world among universities less than 50 years old (2016–17 QS Top 50 Under 50 index).

In the 2016 QS World University Rankings by Subject, RMIT is 16th in the world (highest ranked in Australia) in Art and Design, and 36th in the world (fourth highest in Australia) in Architecture and the Built Environment. We are also among the world's top 100 universities in Engineering (Civil and Structural; Electrical and Electronic; and Mechanical, Mechanical, Aeronautical and Manufacturing); Accounting and Finance; and Business and Management Studies).

Our research was ranked among the best in the world in the 2015 Excellence in Research for Australia evaluation. RMIT was rated "well above world standard" in 13 fields and "above world standard" in a further nine fields.

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Global Development Portfolio

The Global Development Portfolio is responsible for making RMIT genuinely global in operations and outlook.

Under the leadership of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Development) and Vice President, the portfolio:

- leads and coordinates RMIT's global education partnerships

- identifies, reviews and harnesses opportunities to further enhance RMIT's global model
- coordinates enterprise-wide fundraising and alumni activities
- manages global mobility opportunities for RMIT students.

In addition, it connects and coordinates RMIT's presences throughout the world including RMIT entities in Australia, Vietnam and Europe (Spain) and representative offices in other countries.

The Global Development Portfolio is comprised of 4 groups: Global Development and Performance, Alumni and Development, Global Entities and Experiences and RMIT Europe.

RMIT Europe

RMIT Europe, based in Barcelona is a coordinating centre for extending RMIT University's international engagement, and strategically growing our collaborative research and mobility activity in Europe. It facilitates RMIT's engagement with European universities and industry partners, and supports trans-regional collaborative projects, with a particular focus on partnerships across Europe, Australia, Asia, and Latin America.

The objectives for RMIT Europe are to:

- Strengthen RMIT's reputation and profile in Europe and globally
- Increase research funding and activity, with a focus on European partnerships and funding sources
- Develop collaborative postgraduate academic programs with European partners
- Strategically focus RMIT student mobility engagement in Europe and grow opportunities for student exchange and international experience
- Leverage and grow industry partnerships to support the quality and relevance of our education.

School of Health and Biomedical Sciences

The School of Health and Biomedical Sciences comprises three Academic Clusters (Allied Health, Applied Health, and Biomedical Sciences). Primarily based at the RMIT Bundoora campus, the School undertakes teaching and research across ten disciplines: Chinese Medicine, Chiropractic, Exercise Science, Human Biosciences, Laboratory Medicine, Medical Radiations, Nursing, Pharmacy, Psychology and Osteopathy. Many of the School's programs utilise Work Integrated Learning as an intrinsic part of their teaching either within partner industries or through the University's state-of-the-art student led Clinic located at Bundoora.

The School has a strategic focus on chronic disease and integrative health care with cross-cutting themes of: Indigenous Health, Exercise & Nutrition, Ageing in Health & Disease, and Medical Devices, Diagnostics and Prognostics. The School is internationally and nationally competitive in the clinical and biomedical sciences. Research within the School is supported by modern facilities and state-of-the-art equipment.

Position Summary

The Research Fellow will work based at RMIT Europe and the primary focus will be to deliver on RMIT Europe's objectives under the H2020 project GoNano. This will involve reviewing best practice for responsible research and innovation in the field of nanotechnology. The project will require engagement with citizens, industry and professional stakeholders, and researchers from RMIT University in Melbourne and their collaborators in Europe. The position will be responsible for running a pilot study on the use of new methods in Responsible Research and Innovation for co-creation of specific nanotechnologies in the field of 'energy' (including production, storage, management and efficient use), however there will be opportunities to contribute to similar pilot studies in the fields of 'health' and 'food'. The position will need to engage with stakeholders in Spanish, but will also be required to communicate at an excellent level in English.

The position will also be required to draw on the stakeholder engagements conducted through the GoNano project and other RMIT Europe activities to expand the engagement of RMIT University researchers, particularly in the College of Science, Engineering and Health working in the field of nanotechnology with stakeholders in Europe. This should manifest in new collaborations with European academic organisations, new collaborations with industry and particularly in new funding applications to support these engagements.

Reporting Line

Reports to: - Boaz Kogon, Innovation and Research Associate, RMIT Europe for day-to-day operational and stakeholder engagement activities
- Paul Wright, Associate Professor, School of Health and Biomedical Sciences, RMIT Australia for all scientific and GoNano project deliverables.

Direct reports: None

Organisational Accountabilities

RMIT University is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of its staff. RMIT and its staff must comply with a range of statutory requirements, including equal opportunity, occupational health and safety, privacy and trade practice. RMIT also expects staff to comply with its policy and procedures, which relate to statutory requirements and our ways of working.

Appointees are accountable for completing training on these matters and ensuring their knowledge, and the knowledge of their staff is up to date.

Key Accountabilities

1. As directed by the GoNano scientific lead:
 - prepare training documentation and materials around responsible research and innovation in nanotechnologies
 - prepare co-creation workshop guides and materials for use in citizen and stakeholder engagement workshops
 - conduct interviews with stakeholders
 - collate results of project activities and assist in the preparation of project deliverables and publications
2. Organise workshops to engage with citizens and professional stakeholders within the GoNano project
3. Prepare research grant applications, particularly targeting large scale projects with major industrial or societal impact
4. Develop collaborations with national and international researchers, particularly focussing on linkages between RMIT University and universities, research institutes, industry and professional organisations in Spain and across and Europe
5. Cultivate research contracts with national and international industry partners
6. Contribute to the successful project management of GoNano by completing assigned work at the required level and within agreed timeframes
7. Communicate GoNano research outcomes to other team members, clients and the broader research community internal and external to RMIT University, through high quality papers/journal articles, delivery of seminars and conference attendance
8. Participate in annual work planning and performance management processes.
9. Perform other duties that may be required for the efficient operation of the RMIT Europe team.

Key Selection Criteria

1. Demonstrated research experience in nanotechnology (with applications in energy or safety preferred)
2. Ability to engage with diverse stakeholders spanning science, technology, industry and society
3. Ability to prepare high quality competitive grant applications
4. Demonstrated ability to clearly communicate research results, concepts and knowledge
5. Demonstrated ability to work effectively both as a member of a research team and independently when required, to meet project outcomes and milestones
6. Experience in event/conference preparation and workshop facilitation
7. Demonstrated project management skills.

Qualifications and requirements

- A relevant tertiary qualification (PhD preferred) in science or engineering, and proven research experience in nanotechnology (minimum three years)
- High level proficiency in English and Spanish
- Ability to work in Spain.

Endorsed:	Signature:  Name: Dr Marta Fernandez Title: Executive Director RMIT Europe Date: 18 January 2017	Approved:	Signature: Name: Professor Andrew MacIntyre Title: PVC Global Development Portfolio Date:
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