SENIOR LECTURER IN CREATIVE WRITING

DEPARTMENT/UNIT
School of Languages, Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics

FACULTY/DIVISION
Faculty of Arts

CLASSIFICATION
Level C

DESIGNATED CAMPUS OR LOCATION
Clayton campus

ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT
Everyone needs a platform to launch a satisfying career. At Monash, we give you the space and support to take your career in all kinds of exciting new directions. You’ll have access to quality research, infrastructure and learning facilities, opportunities to collaborate internationally, as well as the grants you’ll need to publish your work. We’re a university full of energetic and enthusiastic minds, driven to challenge what’s expected, expand what we know, and learn from other inspiring, empowering thinkers. Discover more at www.monash.edu.

Monash Arts is one of the largest, most diverse and dynamic arts faculties in Australia, with particular strengths in the humanities, performing arts, languages and social sciences. We encourage the development of innovative studies that operate at the intersection of traditional academic disciplines. The Faculty delivers programs via seven schools and across six campuses, both in Australia and offshore, with courses ranging from undergraduate diplomas and degrees through to postgraduate coursework and research degrees. Monash Arts is justly proud of the research capacity of its staff, who work at the cutting edge in their fields and carry this expertise and enthusiasm into their teaching. To learn more about Monash Arts, please visit our website: www.monash.edu/arts.

The position is located within the School of Languages, Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics, one of the largest Schools in the Faculty of Arts. Members of the School conduct research in the disciplines of European and Asian languages, literary and cultural studies, creative writing, linguistics and applied linguistics, history and the social sciences, as well as translation and intercultural studies. The School’s Programs offer studies at undergraduate, honours and postgraduate levels. We offer a broad and diverse language and culture curriculum at
undergraduate and postgraduate level as well as unique opportunities to study abroad, including a range of offerings at the Monash University Prato Centre.

**Literary Studies** at Monash comprises a vibrant community of undergraduates, postgraduates and academic staff who research English-language literary cultures, traditions and genres as well as produce creative writing outputs in fiction, creative nonfiction and poetry. Creative Writing is among the most popular areas within both the Literary Studies undergraduate major and the Literary and Cultural Studies postgraduate program.

**POSITION PURPOSE**

We are seeking to appoint a Senior Lecturer in Creative Writing (Level C) with an outstanding record of creative publication, a track record of traditional research publication, demonstrated teaching excellence in creative writing, and mature industry networks and/or industry experience in editing and publishing.

A Level C academic at Monash is expected to make a significant contribution to all activities of the organisational unit or interdisciplinary area and play a significant role within their profession or discipline.

The primary purpose of this position is to provide research and pedagogical leadership within Literary Studies, and to lead the program’s engagement with Melbourne’s vibrant literary industry, fostering unique opportunities for the program’s students and staff.

**Reporting Line:** The position reports to the Head of School

**Supervisory Responsibilities:** Not applicable

**Financial Delegation:** Not applicable

**Budgetary Responsibilities:** Not applicable

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

Specific duties required of a Level C academic may include:

1. The preparation and delivery of lectures, tutorials, workshops, and seminars
2. Course development and course coordination, including the supervision of teaching associates
3. The supervision of PhD, Masters and Honours students in creative writing
4. The publication of high-quality creative writing outputs with quality presses and journals
5. The publication of traditional, peer-reviewed scholarly publications
6. Applying for external funding for research projects and program enterprises
7. Playing a significant role in initiating research projects and, where appropriate, leading research teams
8. Building national and international networks and partnerships to further the program’s research and education goals
9. Making a significant contribution to the profession and/or discipline both nationally and internationally, including enhancing the standing and reputation of Monash’s Literary Studies program
10. Other duties as directed from time to time
KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Education/Qualifications

1. The appointee will have:
   - A doctoral qualification in Creative Writing or English Literature or equivalent accreditation and standing.

Knowledge and Skills

2. A distinguished creative writing publishing record in one or more of the following genres: fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, scriptwriting
3. An extensive record of excellence in designing, delivering and coordinating creative writing undergraduate units
4. A strong record in creative writing supervision at Honours and HDR level
5. A publication record in traditional scholarly research with quality journals and presses
6. Evidence of external research grant success or a developed strategy for securing external research funding
7. Evidence of experience in and/or engagement with the literary community and publishing industry
8. The capacity to manage and mentor a journal editing team
9. High-level interpersonal skills and a proven ability to establish good working relationships with colleagues, students and members of community and professional bodies
10. Evidence of service in committees and other administrative work and portfolios
11. Ability to promote the discipline internally within the University as well as externally both nationally and internationally

OTHER JOB RELATED INFORMATION

- Travel to other campuses of the University may be required
- There may be a requirement to work additional hours from time to time
- There may be peak periods of work during which taking of leave may be restricted
- A current satisfactory Working With Children Check is required

GOVERNANCE

Monash University expects staff to appropriately balance risk and reward in a manner that is sustainable to its long-term future, contribute to a culture of honesty and integrity, and provide an environment that is safe, secure and inclusive. Ensure you are aware of and adhere to University policies relevant to the duties undertaken and the values of the University. This is a standard which the University sees as the benchmark for all of its activities in Australia and internationally.