LECTURER (PRACTICE) – JOURNALISM

DEPARTMENT/UNIT: Journalism

FACULTY/DIVISION: Faculty of Arts, School of Media, Film and Journalism

CLASSIFICATION: Level B

WORK LOCATION: Caulfield campus

ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

Everyone needs a platform to launch a satisfying career. At Monash, we give you 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.

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The advertised position is located within the School of Media, Film and Journalism. Based on the Caulfield campus, the School was formed in 2014 and its staff conducts research in media studies, communications studies, cultural studies, journalism, film theory and criticism, media practice and related interdisciplinary fields. The School offers programs and teaching at undergraduate, honours and postgraduate levels. It also houses a number of active interdisciplinary research units, has a wide network of national and international connections, and engages in international research collaborations. To learn more, please visit our website: www.arts.monash.edu/media-film-journalism.

The Journalism section is part of the School of Media, Film and Journalism. The Journalism program is a large and growing area of education and research activity within the Faculty of Arts. It delivers an undergraduate program for approximately 1200 student heads per semester, a postgraduate coursework program of single and double Masters degrees and an active Higher Degree Research program. It delivers journalism professional education in all media (print, radio, video and digital) and its graduates have a strong profile among the major employers. The staff members have records of high professional achievement and a focus on innovative research. The Journalism program emphasises the interaction between the Journalism practice and studies streams in the curriculum, and in the research and professional activity of staff and students.
POSITION PURPOSE

A Lecturer (Practice) is expected to make significant contributions in fostering relationships between the School, industry, alumni and government partners to deliver a rich, diverse and experiential learning experience. The Lecturer (Practice) will bring their experience from their profession to inform curriculum and provide links between the academy and industry. They will contribute to scholarship-related activities, including the development of curriculum and teaching materials and will engage in professional activities.

This position will work towards achieving the University’s goal of increasing the number of students participating in industry-based experience as well as contributing towards the delivery of differentiated coursework programs and learning experiences for students within the School of Media, Film and Journalism. The incumbent will also offer guidance and support to students as they undertake learning in the School.

Reporting Line: The position reports to the Head of Journalism

Supervisory Responsibilities: Not applicable

Financial delegation: Not applicable

Budget responsibilities: Not applicable

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific duties required of a Level B Practice academic may include:

1. Coordination, preparation and delivery of lectures, seminars, tutorials, practical classes, demonstrations, workshops, student field excursions and studio sessions in the Journalism undergraduate program, the Bachelor of Media Communication, the Master of Journalism, and Master of Communication and Media Studies;
2. Develop and strengthen international mobility opportunities for student internships, industry-based projects and employment particularly in the broadcast sector through active engagement with professional bodies, industry and government;
3. Assist with the development of radio journalism, podcasting and other broadcast Journalism techniques for teaching focus and engagement with University staff to communicate with external audiences;
4. Supervision of major honours research projects;
5. Supervision of honours students and postgraduate students engaged in coursework;
6. Involvement in professional activity, including participation on committee’s representing the School, Faculty and University;
7. Consultation with students;
8. Marking and assessment;
9. Design and run Faculty workshops, media training, and other external programs.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Education/Qualifications

1. The appointee will have:
   - PhD or Masters qualification or equivalent professional experience in the relevant discipline area. In determining experience relative to qualifications, regard shall be given to teaching experience, experience outside tertiary education, innovative achievement and/or contributions to the profession.
Knowledge and Skills
2. High-level interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to establish strong working relationships with a range of internal and external stakeholders (including students and colleagues) and to develop and maintain strong links within the profession, industry and government agencies;
3. Ongoing and long-standing links with media industry employers, particularly in the broadcast sector;
4. Strong track record in Journalism, particularly strategic development of podcasting opportunities internally and externally to the University;
5. Proven ability, commitment and passion for engaging in academic activities.
6. Demonstrated teaching experience (at undergraduate and postgraduate levels) and a proven track record in achieving improved or consistently good learning outcomes over a sustained period;
7. Developed skills of leadership, networking and management;
8. Ability to plan, organise and achieve work targets and work constructively with academic colleagues and other University staff;
9. Ability to promote the discipline both within the University, industry and to the greater community.

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.