LECTURER – PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

DEPARTMENT/UNIT: Philosophy

FACULTY/DIVISION: Faculty of Arts

CLASSIFICATION: Level B

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 eight 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 School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies undertakes teaching and research and includes: the Philosophy Program; the Centre for Human Bioethics; Centre for Consciousness and Contemplative Studies; the History Program; the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies; the Centre for the Study of Ancient Cultures; and the Australian Centre for the Study of Jewish Civilisation. The School is one of five Schools in the Faculty of Arts. The School has administrative responsibility for the Faculty major in International Studies. The School’s teaching covers many of the key areas of human societies and includes programs at all levels: research degrees, postgraduate coursework, and majors within the Bachelor of Arts. It forms an active research community, producing many publications for both scholarly and general audiences.

The Philosophy Program has research strengths in Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Sciences, Moral and Political Philosophy, and the History of Philosophy. The Program offers undergraduate subjects in a wide range of areas, including logic, metaphysics, history of philosophy, ethics, and political philosophy. The Program also oversees, and makes central contributions to teaching, the interdisciplinary area of Human Rights Theory. Information about the Department can be found at www.monash.edu/arts/philosophical-historical-international-studies/philosophy.
POSITION PURPOSE

A Level B academic is expected to make significant contributions to the teaching effort of a department, school, faculty or other organisational unit or an interdisciplinary area. An academic at this level is expected to carry out activities to maintain and develop her/his scholarly, research and/or professional activities relevant to the profession or discipline. The candidate may also make contributions to administrative service, commensurate with expertise and experience, within the Department and/or School.

The Philosophy Department seeks to appoint a Lecturer to a full-time, continuing position to commence June 2022. The successful applicant will make contributions to teaching, research, and graduate supervision in the Philosophy Department. The candidate will have Philosophy of Mind as their area of specialisation; this is an area of strength at Monash, both in the Department of Philosophy and the new Centre for Consciousness & Contemplative Studies. This appointment will have an important teaching role in the Philosophy major, and potentially in our Politics, Philosophy, Economics (PPE) degree and our interdisciplinary major in Human Rights. The candidate may also make contributions to administrative service, commensurate with expertise and experience, within the Department and/or School.

Reporting Line: The position reports to Head of Philosophy

Supervisory Responsibilities: Not applicable

Financial Delegation: Not applicable

Budgetary Responsibilities: Not applicable

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific duties required of a Level B academic may include:

1. The conduct of tutorials, lectures and seminars
2. Development of course material with appropriate advice from more senior staff
3. The initiation and development of subject material
4. The preparation and delivery of lectures and seminars
5. Supervision of major honours or postgraduate research projects
6. Supervision of the program of study of honours students and of postgraduate students engaged in course work
7. The conduct of research
8. Application for national and international grants
9. Involvement in professional activity
10. Consultation with students
11. Broad administrative functions; the majority of which are connected with the subjects in which the academic teaches
12. Marking and assessment
13. Attendance at departmental, school and/or faculty meetings and a major role in planning or committee work
14. Other duties as directed from time to time
KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Education/Qualifications

1. The appointee will have:
   ● A doctoral qualification in Philosophy.

Knowledge and Skills

2. A track record of quality refereed research publications
3. Experience in applying for research funding
4. Ability to work positively and cooperatively with students, internal and external teams and external organisations
5. Demonstrated strong record of teaching experience in a tertiary environment, in particular in Philosophy
6. Demonstrated ability to motivate, actively engage and educate a given audience
7. Demonstrated experience in curriculum and subject material development
8. Proven ability, commitment and passion for engaging in scholarly and research activities
9. A demonstrated capacity to work in a collegiate manner with other staff in the workplace

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.