

Position Description

Senior Lecturer, Food, Nutrition and Dietetics

Position No:

Business Unit: Office of the Provost

Division: Allied Health, Human Services and Sport

Department: Sport, Exercise & Nutrition Sciences

Classification Level: Level C Teaching & Research

Employment Type: Continuing/Full Time

Campus Location: Melbourne (Bundoora)

Other Benefits: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/jobs/working/benefits>

Further information about:

La Trobe University - <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/about>

Position Context/Purpose

A Level C teaching and research academic is expected to develop curriculum, teach and/or undertake research and/or other scholarly work relevant to the development of their discipline or professional field. An academic at this level will make a significant contribution to the Food, Nutrition and Dietetics discipline at the national level. They will normally play a major role or provide a significant degree of leadership in scholarly, research and/or professional activities relevant to the profession.

The School of Allied Health, Human Services and Sport offers a range of general and specialist undergraduate and postgraduate courses that are rigorous and attuned to meeting the needs of students in ensuring their readiness to work in changing environments. The School comprises three Departments and 10 disciplines across La Trobe's multi campus operations and has an outstanding reputation for research excellence, research translation and for building strong relationships with industry partners.

Duties at this level will include:

- Design, coordinate and teach subjects and courses which provide a high quality learning experience that engages undergraduate, honours and postgraduate students.
- Design innovative and effective curriculum which reflects developing best practice nationally and internationally, utilising various methodologies including online and blended learning.
- Contribute to La Trobe's Scholarship of Teaching (SoLT) and disciplinary teaching pedagogy and research.
- Conduct and lead innovative and high impact research and produce conference and seminar papers and publications resulting from that research.
- Contribute to building a robust and ambitious research culture within La Trobe.
- Contribute to knowledge and knowledge transfer, at a local and/or nationally significant level.
- Represent discipline/program or school at external events.
- Attend to effective and efficient performance of allocated leadership and administrative functions primarily connected with the position.
- Undertake other duties commensurate with the classification and scope of the position as required by the Head of Department or Head of School and play a significant role in research projects including leadership of research teams and/or management of projects.
- Supervise Higher Degree by Research (HDR), honours and postgraduate students.
- Obtain necessary research funding from contracts/grants/consultancies.
- Provide leadership and mentoring to others in subject or course level curriculum design and development and delivery of teaching.

Essential Criteria

Skills and knowledge required for the position

- Completion of a PhD in the relevant discipline area.
- Demonstrated effectiveness in curriculum development and teaching with a commitment to excellence in teaching.
- Demonstrated leadership at course/program level eg. Course coordination.
- Ability to encourage intellectual development and career aspirations of students.

- Demonstrated record of achievement as a leading practitioner with a reputation for skills, knowledge and expertise at a state/national level.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, including the ability to interact effectively with people from a diverse range of backgrounds.
- Demonstrated ability to work as a member of a team in a co-operative and collegial manner.
- Record of successful research student supervision relative to opportunity.
- Strong record of research publication, with appropriate evidence of quality and impact.
- Knowledge, expertise and skills in at least one of the following areas: sports nutrition or food science and food product development/innovation or public health or clinical nutrition.
- Ability to teach subjects including: lifespan nutrition, principles of nutrition, nutrition and disease, sports nutrition, food innovation, food chemistry/science, public health nutrition and clinical nutrition.

Capabilities required to be successful in the position

- Knowledge of own strengths, weaknesses and biases – modifying behaviour, based on self-reflection and feedback, to respond to others with empathy and act on feedback to improve knowledge, skills and behaviour.
- Demonstrated creative and critical thinking, ability to generate ideas to solve local problems and recommend improvements to current work practices.
- Ability to align individual and University goals and create a safe, inclusive, high performing culture – modelling and enabling accountability, connectedness, innovation and care.
- Ability to make sense of data to inform decision-making – building a culture in which staff members actively contribute to the continuous improvement of local practices.

Essential Compliance Requirements

To hold this La Trobe University position the occupant must:

- hold, or be willing to undertake and pass, a Victorian Working With Children Check; AND
- take personal accountability to comply with all University policies, procedures and legislative or regulatory obligations; including but not limited to TEQSA and the Higher Education Threshold Standards.

Other Information

The position description is indicative of the initial expectation of the role and subject to changes to University goals and priorities, activities or focus of the job.

Position Flexibility

We offer flexible work arrangements that can assist you in balancing your work and other responsibilities.

Why La Trobe:

- Develop your career at an innovative, global university where you'll collaborate with community and industry to create impact.
- Enjoy working on our inspiring and stunning campuses – the perfect hub for industry, students and academics
- Help transform the lives of students, partners and communities now and in the future

This is more than just a job. Working at La Trobe offers opportunities to demonstrate excellence and transform lives.

Here, you'll join exceptional people, partners and communities, who power our operations with ambition and purpose.

Our success can be attributed to its strong sense of community. We have a long-standing commitment to diversity, inclusion and social justice; we are committed to providing a workplace where all staff feel valued, respected and supported to achieve their full potential. We strive to build a workplace where all employees of diverse backgrounds, abilities, experiences, sexuality, gender, religion and age are welcome, valued, respected and one that is representative of our community. We demonstrate our cultural qualities by holding ourselves accountable and creating a culture of trust and innovation while genuinely caring for one another.

La Trobe's Cultural Qualities:

WE ARE CONNECTED



We are **connected** to each other and the communities around us. We engage with those communities to learn from our past, inform our present and impact our future.

WE ARE INNOVATIVE



We are **innovative** in tackling the most important issues of our time. We are inquisitive and seek to develop new ideas that positively impact the way we work and the world around us.

WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE



We are **accountable** for what we do and share a commitment to excellence. We are courageous and respectful in the way we hold ourselves and each other to account.

WE CARE



We **care** about what we do and value the power of education and research. We care about each other and strive to create a safe and inclusive community.

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