POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Organisation Unit: T C Beirne School of Law
Position Number: 3034608
Type of Employment: Full time - fixed-term
Classification: Academic Research - Level A or B

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

The University of Queensland (UQ) contributes positively to society by engaging in the creation, preservation, transfer and application of knowledge. UQ helps shape the future by bringing together and developing leaders in their fields to inspire the next generation and to advance ideas that benefit the world. UQ strives for the personal and professional success of its students, staff and alumni. For more than a century, we have educated and worked with outstanding people to deliver knowledge leadership for a better world.

UQ ranks in the world’s top universities, as measured by several key independent ranking, including the CWTS Leiden Ranking (32), the Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities (43), the US News Best Global Universities Rankings (42), QS World University Rankings (48), Academic Ranking of World Universities (55), and the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (69). Excluding the award component, UQ is now ranked 45th in the world in the ARWU, and is one of the only two Australian universities to be included in the global top 50.

UQ has an outstanding reputation for the quality of its teachers, its educational programs and employment outcomes for its students. Our students remain at the heart of what we do. The UQ experience – the UQ Advantage – is distinguished by a research enriched curriculum, international collaborations, industry engagement and opportunities that nurture and develop future leaders. UQ has a strong focus on teaching excellence, winning more national teaching excellence awards than any other in the country and attracting the majority of Queensland’s highest academic achievers, as well as top interstate and overseas students.

UQ is one of Australia’s Group of Eight, a charter member of edX and a founding member of Universitas 21, an international consortium of leading research-intensive universities.

Our 52,000-plus strong student community includes more than 16,400 postgraduate scholars and more than 15,400 international students from 135 countries, adding to its proud 250,000-plus alumni. The University has more than 6,600 academic and professional staff (full-time equivalent) and a $1.75 billion annual operating budget. Its major campuses are at St Lucia, Gatton and Herston, in addition to teaching and research sites around Queensland and Brisbane city. The University has six Faculties and four University-level Institutes. The Institutes, funded by government and industry grants, philanthropy and commercialisation activities, have built scale and focus in research areas in neuroscience, biomolecular and biomedical sciences, sustainable minerals, bioengineering and nanotechnology, as well as social science research.
UQ has an outstanding track-record in commercialisation of our innovation with major technologies employed across the globe and integral to gross product sales of $11billion+ (see http://uniquest.com.au/our-track-record).

UQ has a rapidly growing record of attracting philanthropic support for its activities and this will be a strategic focus going forward.

Organisational Environment

Based at UQ St Lucia as part of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law, the TC Beirne School of Law is the oldest and most prestigious law school in Queensland, and one of Australia’s leading research-intensive law schools.

Currently, the School employs 18 professional staff, 50 full-time academic staff and several adjunct professors. The School’s talented and committed researchers and educators include national and international scholars, distinguished alumni and leaders of the legal profession who are recognised for their research and teaching excellence both nationally and internationally.

With law programs that are ranked 43rd in the world by the 2019 QS World University Rankings by Subject, the School offers students a premier legal education through small group teaching complemented by a comprehensive co-curricular program. The School attracts the best and brightest students from Australia and abroad through its competitive entry requirements. It cultivates exceptional legal thinkers and leaders who use their discipline, ingenuity and initiative to change and enrich the world.

The School’s home, the west wing of the Forgan Smith building, recently underwent an extensive refurbishment to ensure future generations of students will continue to enjoy the highest quality and most relevant legal educational experience. Today, the School boasts world-class, state-of-the-art facilities, including one of Queensland’s largest law libraries and the Sir Harry Gibbs Moot Court.

Information for Prospective Staff

Information about life at UQ including staff benefits, relocation and UQ campuses is available at - http://www.uq.edu.au/current-staff/working-at-uq

The University of Queensland Enterprise Agreement outlines the position classification standards for Levels A to E.

DUTY STATEMENT

Primary Purpose

The Postdoctoral Research Fellow will work under the broad direction of the ARC Australian Laureate Fellow to contribute to the ARC Laureate Fellowship Project Harnessing Intellectual Property to Build Food Security. The Postdoctoral Research Fellow will be expected to undertake research into intellectual property and food security; to publish from the research; and to participate in a range of outreach activities associated with the Laureate.

Key responsibilities

1. Conduct research as part of the ARC Laureate Fellowship Harnessing Intellectual Property to Build Food Security.
2. Communicate research results through high level publications such as the production of a monograph, book chapters, or articles in leading international peer reviewed journals.

3. Contribute to the preparation of research grants, both individual and collaborative.

4. Supervise and mentor postgraduate researchers associated with the ARC Laureate Fellowship.

5. Undertake other duties consistent with the ARC Laureate Fellowship program.

Other

Ensure you are aware of and comply with legislation and University policy relevant to the duties undertaken, including but not exclusive to:

- The University’s Code of Conduct.
- Requirements of the Queensland occupational health and safety (OH&S) legislation and related OH&S responsibilities and procedures developed by the University or Institute/School
- The adoption of sustainable practices in all work activities and compliance with associated legislation and related University sustainability responsibilities and procedures
- Requirements of the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000, the National Code 2007 and associated legislation, and related responsibilities and procedures developed by the University

Organisational Relationships

The position reports to the ARC Australian Laureate Fellow.
SELECTION CRITERIA – Postdoctoral Research Fellow (Level A)

1. A PhD or have made substantial progress towards a PhD and demonstrated expert knowledge in a relevant field.
2. Knowledge of intellectual property law and/or an area pertinent to the Laureate project such as food security, agriculture, plant or animal breeding, food processing, packaging and consumption.
3. in an area pertinent to the Laureate project and the ability to carry the work through to publication.
4. Demonstrated ability to work effectively both independently and as a member of a research team.
5. Ambitions to develop a strong research profile.
6. Knowledge of a relevant interdisciplinary area of research (such as science technology studies, socio-legal studies, anthropology, or history).

SELECTION CRITERIA – Postdoctoral Research Fellow (Level B)

1. A PhD or have made substantial progress towards a PhD and demonstrated expert knowledge in a relevant field.
2. Knowledge of intellectual property law and/or an area pertinent to the Laureate project such as food security, agriculture, plant or animal breeding, food processing, packaging and consumption.
3. Demonstrated and well-established track record in conducting independent, innovative and high quality research in an area pertinent to the Laureate project, with the proven ability to carry work through to publication.
4. Experience in developing and submitting external research grant applications.
5. Experience in liaising and collaborating with external agencies to develop co-operative research initiatives.
6. Ability to manage a program of research.
7. Knowledge of a relevant interdisciplinary area of research (such as science technology studies, anthropology, socio-legal studies, or history).
8. Developed industry liaisons and professional contacts.

Seminar

Applicants invited for interview may be expected to present a seminar in conjunction with the selection interview process.

Qualification Verification

An appointment to this position is subject to the verification of the highest academic qualification from the conferring institution.

The University of Queensland values diversity and inclusion and actively encourages applications from those who bring diversity to the University. Please refer to the University’s Diversity and Inclusion webpage (http://www.uq.edu.au/equity) for further information and points of contact if you require additional support.