POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Associate Lecturer in Alcohol Tobacco and other Drugs
Organisation Unit: School of Public Health
Position Number: 3039872
Type of Employment: Fixed Term, Full-time appointment for 1 year
Classification: Academic Level A

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 Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities (43), the US News Best Global Universities Rankings (52), QS World University Rankings (47), Academic Ranking of World Universities (55), and the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (60). UQ again topped the nation in the prestigious Nature Index and our Life Sciences subject field ranking in the Academic Ranking of World Universities was the highest in Australia at 20.

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 50,000-plus strong student community includes more than 13,000 postgraduate scholars and more than 12,000 international students from 144 countries, adding to its proud 240,000-plus alumni. The University has about 7,000 academic and professional staff and a $1.8 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.

**Faculty of Medicine**

The University of Queensland’s Faculty of Medicine is an internationally recognised provider of world-class education and research. The research-intensive Faculty has a gross budget of almost $300 million, employs approximately 1000 continuing and fixed-term staff (headcount), has a community of more than 4000 non-salaried academic appointees and around 3200 students (headcount).

The Faculty of Medicine offers Australia’s largest medical degree program for graduates and school-leavers. Undergraduate and postgraduate programs are available in the disciplines of Medicine, Health Sciences, E-Health, Mental Health, Biomedical Sciences and Public Health.

The Faculty possesses enormous strengths spanning research, teaching, industry engagement and clinical practice in disciplines ranging from the basic sciences, biomedical research and development, to clinical trials and public health. Research projects within the Faculty have already led to discoveries with far-reaching social and economic impacts, including the revolutionary Gardasil (TM) vaccine for cervical cancer (Professor Ian Frazer) and a drug discovery EMA401 (Professor Maree Smith), a first-in-class oral treatment for chronic pain which through Spinafex Pharmaceuticals led to Australia’s largest biotechnology commercialisation deal. Faculty staff include three highly cited authors, one Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS), three Fellows of the Australian Academy of Science (FAA) and 12 Fellows of the Academy of Health and Medical Sciences (AAHMS). The Faculty is a core member of Brisbane Diamantina Health Partners, the Brisbane-wide academic health science system.

Educational offerings in biomedical sciences, medicine and public health are informed and supported by research activity across a range of fundamental and clinical areas of importance including recognised strengths in cancer, skin diseases, brain and mental health, maternal and child health and genomics. Cutting-edge facilities such as the Herston Imaging Research Facility (HIRF), the UQ Centre for Clinical Research (UQCCR), our laboratories in the Translational Research Institute (TRI) and the new Centre for Children’s Health Research (CCHR) enable outstanding research outcomes and sharpen our understanding of cancer, autoimmunity, mental disorders, infectious diseases and neurological disease. Further details are available at www.medicine.uq.edu.au

**The School of Public Health**

The University of Queensland was, in 1936, the first university in the English-speaking world to establish a Department of Social Medicine. This evolved in the 1950’s to the Department of Preventative and Social Medicine and the School was formally established in 2001 to improve health outcomes through learning, discovery and engagement. The School of Public Health has recently been ranked as the top Public Health school in Australasia in the US News Global university rankings. We are a global leader in improving the health of populations in a changing and inequitable world.

The School’s strategy is centered on academic performance and a commitment to excellence in teaching. We offer programs and courses in all major fields of population and public health to almost 1000 postgraduate and undergraduate students. Our MPH is the only accredited programme in the Australasia and S.E. Asia region (APHEA and ASPHER) and one of the few to offer a dual MD/MPH degree. More than 100 research higher degree (PhD and MPhil) students actively contribute to the School’s vibrant research culture while receiving comprehensive preparation for academic careers or leadership roles in public health. Our research is focused on making a real impact on some of the world’s most
pressing health challenges and was recently ranked by the Australian Research Council as amongst the world’s best. Current priorities include health behaviors and health promotion; cancer prevention; environmental health; epidemiology and biostatistics; longitudinal studies of women’s health; mental health; HIV/AIDS; substance use, antimicrobial stewardship and other aspects of health services research.

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 of Position

The primary purpose of the position is to contribute to high quality teaching and research in the School of Public Health. The successful applicant will be a key member of the ATODS teaching team, and will be responsible for the delivery of public health teaching into the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs (ATODs) postgraduate courses at The University of Queensland. This includes the course Substance Use among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

The appointee will join the Disease Prevention and Control Division. Teaching and research in the Division is broadly concerned with understanding and influencing health behaviours related to our most prevalent chronic diseases, and to consider public health aspects of disease control through vaccination and other disease prevention and control strategies such as environmental health.

Duties

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Teaching and Learning

- Coordinate and teach ATODs courses at undergraduate and postgraduate level in face-to-face and external modes, including online delivery. Teaching relevant sessions within other courses offered by the School is also encouraged
- Contribute to the development and organization of ATODS courses
- Supervise coursework masters and research higher degree students

Research

- Develop a research program and contribute to research, including research grant applications, in the field of ATODs
- Collaborate in research projects within and linked to the School, including with staff within Queensland Alcohol and Drug Research Education Centre (QADREC)
- Conduct high quality research, present papers at conferences and other meetings, and publish articles in internationally peer reviewed scientific journals.

Service and Engagement

- Participate in the academic life of the School through engagement with Committees, Research theme groups etc.
- Participate in organisations external to the university in relevant areas, including activities likely to contribute to research and teaching
- Take part in relevant consultancy activities that can also contribute to research and teaching

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 Professor Amanda Lee, Head of Division, School of Public Health.

SELECTION CRITERIA

**Essential**

- Be very close to, have submitted, or been awarded a PhD and either:
  - have tertiary-level teaching experience; or
  - have been employed in a fixed term postdoctoral research fellowship, fixed-term research placement or subsidiary to studentship position in the two years preceding their application
- Demonstrated expert knowledge in alcohol, tobacco and other drugs within a public health framework
- Demonstrated teaching skills at the undergraduate or postgraduate level
- Evidence of participation in the publication of scholarly papers
- An ability to establish effective relationships and to represent ATODs expertise at a university and wider community level, including industry, government and professional bodies
- Ability to work collaboratively with colleagues

**Desirable**

- Evidence of a contribution to research, including successful external grant applications
- Developed industry liaisons and professional contacts
- Experience in liaising and collaborating with external agencies to develop cooperative research initiatives

**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. Applications are particularly encouraged from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. For further information please contact our Australian Indigenous Employment Coordinator at: atsi_recruitment@uq.edu.au
Applications are also encouraged from women. This role is a full-time position; however flexible working arrangements may be negotiated.