## Position Summary

## A Lecturer/Senior Lecturer (Climate Litigation) within the Institute for Climate Risk and Response (ICRR) is integral to the prosecution of the Institute’s research agenda. The role will work in an interdisciplinary research environment alongside experts in climate science, behavioural science, business, law, and governance to create world-leading research into climate risk and response.

## The Lecturer/Senior Lecturer (Climate Litigation) will also contribute to teaching and the development of lifelong learning offerings and will play a key role in helping to mentor the next generation of climate leaders through research-student supervision and capacity building in the broader community.

A successful candidate at Lecturer/Senior Lecturer level will also be considered for the award of a position on the prestigious UNSW Scientia Program (see below)

## The Lecturer/Senior Lecturer (Climate Litigation) reports to the Director of the ICRR and has no direct reports.

## Accountabilities

Specific accountabilities for this role include:

* Make independent contributions to ICRR research that have significant impact in the scholarship related to the field of climate litigation in Australia and globally and create a nationally recognised research track record.
* Apply and, where necessary adapt, existing research methods, and develop new methods, to the study of climate litigation in Australia and globally.
* Develop research groups and networks in law, science and business related to civil litigation principles, processes and practices, with an emphasis on (but not limited to) climate litigation.
* Obtain research income from nationally competitive research grants (and/or research fellowships) and research end-users as a member or leader, at or above the level that is relevant to the Law discipline in leading universities.
* Contribute to community engagement and public outreach on topics related to climate litigation.
* Engage with industry, business and government on research and lifelong learning activities.
* Mentor and guide students, groups, and colleagues; supervise HDRs to timely completion as primary supervisor; and contribute to HDR review panels.
* Make a positive contribution by leading ICRR meetings and seminars and be a member of Institute committees or working groups as required.
* Contribute content to meet the reporting requirements of the ICRR. Align with and actively demonstrate the [UNSW Values in Action: Our Behaviours](https://unsw.sharepoint.com/sites/values-in-action) and the [UNSW Code of Conduct](https://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/codeofconduct.pdf)
* Cooperate with all health and safety policies and procedures of the university and take all reasonable care to ensure that your actions or omissions do not impact on the health and safety of yourself or others.

Skills and Experience

* A PhD in Law related to the principles, processes and practices of civil litigation and/or relevant litigation-related research experience within the discipline of Law. Prior experience in climate litigation specifically would be attractive but is not essential.
* Proven commitment to proactively keeping up to date with discipline knowledge and developments.
* Demonstrated track record in research with outcomes of high quality and high impact with clear evidence of the desire and ability to continually achieve research excellence as well as the capacity for research leadership.
* Experience in educational activities and/or outreach.
* Demonstrated ability to work in a team, collaborate across disciplines and build effective relationships.
* Evidence of highly developed interpersonal and organisational skills.
* An understanding of and commitment to UNSW’s aims, objectives and values in action, together with relevant policies and guidelines.
* Knowledge of health and safety responsibilities and commitment to attending relevant health and safety training.

Pre-employment checks required for this position

* Verification of qualifications

About the UNSW Scientia Program

The UNSW Scientia Program is one of the cornerstones of UNSW’s 2025 Strategy. A primary goal of the Program is to enhance UNSW's research performance by attracting and retaining exceptional early to mid-career researchers, with outstanding research track records. Scientia academics will be leaders in their School and Faculty and engage with the three pillars of social engagement, global impact and academic excellence.

UNSW Scientia academics have access to a range of development opportunities across research, teaching and leadership. Scientia academics will be mentored and will also develop the skills required to become mentors and research leaders themselves. The Scientia Program positions are research focussed, with a reduced teaching load.

Appointments in the Scientia Program are made on a Convertible Tenure Track contract. The initial engagement is for 4 years fixed term after which time the position reverts to an ongoing Research and Teaching position in the School of Private and Commercial Law within the Faculty of Law and Justice. The Scientia Program also allows flexibility to take research breaks to do other studies, take an industry engagement or follow other interests. Find out more at https://research.unsw.edu.au/scientia-program

About this document

This Position Description outlines the objectives, desired outcomes, key responsibilities, accountabilities, required skills, experience and desired behaviours required to successfully perform the role.