Senior Fellow in Social Work (Clinical Practice)

College/Division  College of Arts, Law and Education
School/Section  School of Social Sciences
Location  Negotiable within Australia
Classification  Academic Level B
Reporting line  Reports to Head of Discipline of Social Work
Date  November 2023

Position Summary

The University of Tasmania is building a vision of a place-based University with a mission to enhance the intellectual, economic, social and culture future of Tasmania, and from Tasmania, contribute to the world in areas of distinctive advantage. The University recognises that achieving this vision is dependent on the people we employ as well as creating a people-centred University that is values-based, relational, diverse, and development-focused.

We are seeking to appoint a Senior Fellow in Social Work (Clinical Practice) within the School of Social Sciences which sits within the College of Arts, Law and Education. We are a multi-campus school specialising in Sociology, Criminology, Social Work, Politics and Policy, International Relations, Tourism, Policing and Emergency Management. Students study with us across campuses in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie in Tasmania, at the Victorian Police Academy in Melbourne, and in Rozelle and Darlinghurst in New South Wales.

Situated at the intersection between the University and the Tasmanian community, the University of Tasmania Social Work Clinic and Research Service (SW-CARES) aims to provide education research, teaching and placement activities within a community facing clinical setting. The Senior Fellow in Social Work (Clinical Practice) is an exciting opportunity to combine academic excellence with real world impact. While we strongly encourage interstate applicants to consider the possibility of relocating to Tasmania, we note that the location for this position is negotiable within Australia.

We are an inclusive workplace committed to ‘working from the strength that diversity brings’ reflected in our Statement of Values. We are dedicated to attracting, retaining and developing our people and are committed to inclusive principles. We celebrate the range of diverse assets that gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, age and life course bring. Applications are encouraged from all sectors of the community. Tell us how we can make this job work for you.

What You’ll Do

- Oversee the development and evaluation of a new digital service to support the development and delivery of social work and other allied health placements across the state.
- Provide professional supervision and mentoring to social work students completing their field education placements in SW-CARES and facilitate interdisciplinary learning activities across Social Work and Allied Health.
- Develop and maintain productive and effective partnerships inside the University and locally and nationally with the discipline, relevant interdisciplinary domains, profession, industry and/or wider community.
- Contribute to funding applications to support the sustainability and scale up of placements across SW-CARES and Allied Health Clinics.
- Contribute to developing Indigenising and decolonising practices in the role.
- Undertake other duties as assigned by the supervisor.
What We’re Looking For (success criteria)

- Eligibility for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).
- A PhD in Social Work with at least 2 years full-time equivalent post qualifying practice experience in social work or a related field.
- A strong record of successful project management and evaluation, including the ability to apply a range of methodologies to collect and analyse project outcome data.
- A demonstrated ability to liaise and collaborate with a broad range of stakeholders, including clients, staff and external partners to support the implementation of a new clinical or service approach.
- A demonstrated ability to mentor and supervise social work students completing field education placements.
- Demonstrated capacity to apply for external competitive funding to support service development and scale up.

Other position requirements

- Current Working with Vulnerable People registration (or to be obtained).
- Availability for regular travel interstate to Tasmania as well as the possibility of other domestic or international travel as agreed.

University of Tasmania

The University of Tasmania is an institution with an enduring commitment to our state and community, and a strong global outlook. We are committed to enhancing the intellectual, economic, social and cultural future of Tasmania. Our Strategic Direction strongly reflects the University community’s voice that our University must be place based but globally connected as well as regionally networked and designed to deliver quality access to higher education for the whole State.

We believe that from our unique position here in Tasmania we can impact the world through the contributions of our staff, students and graduates. We recognise that achieving this vision is dependent on the people we employ, as well as creating a university that is values-based, relational, diverse, and development-focused.

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The intention of this position description is to highlight the most important aspects, rather than to limit the scope or accountabilities of this role. Duties above may be altered in accordance with the changing requirements of the position.