

Research Assistant (Antarctic Fisheries)

College/Division	COSE
School/Section	IMAS – Fisheries and Aquaculture
Location	Hobart
Classification	HEO4
Reporting line	Reports to Fisheries Scientist

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 cultural 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 Research Assistant in the [School of Fisheries and Aquaculture](#) as part of [the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies](#).

The Research Assistant (Antarctic Fisheries) will be based at IMAS Taroona and the Australian Antarctic Division (AAD) in Kingston, Tasmania. AAD is part of the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, and as the primary agency for Australia's Antarctic Program the AAD is responsible for achieving the Australian Government's Antarctic goals. These goals include, inter alia, conserving Antarctic marine living resources including ecologically sustainable fishing, and the development of economic, educational and collaborative opportunities through supporting Australian commercial operations in the Southern Ocean within the framework of the Antarctic Treaty system.

This position will assist with FRDC project 2020-097 and primarily focus on at sea sample collection, and laboratory work for histology and otolith ageing of toothfish, as well as sampling and sorting of sea lice. The position provides an opportunity to work across university, government and industry organisations to contribute science outcomes for international fisheries management.

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

- Conduct at sea sampling on board commercial toothfish fishing vessels.
- Provide technical laboratory support across a range of tasks including otolith ageing and histology.
- Contribute to a safe and healthy workplace, complete required training, and be proactive towards improving safety management and workplace culture.
- Undertake other duties as assigned by the supervisor.

What We're Looking For (success criteria)

- Completion of Bachelor's degree or higher in a relevant discipline, such as Marine Science, Fisheries Science or equivalent.
- Ability to work for extended periods of time in remote locations.



- Attention to detail in note taking and data collection.
- Experience working with large fish, including dissection, and/or marine invertebrates.
- Experience building and maintaining field equipment.

Other position requirements

- Regular intrastate/ interstate/ international travel
- Visiting and working in the field in remote locations
- Working with animals
- Laboratory and workshop activities and handling hazardous substances
- Undertaking manual handling and lifting >10kg
- Willingness to undertake a medical assessment based on meeting the inherent position requirements
- Ability to obtain Certificate of Safety Training and pass AMSA medical.
- Hold a valid passport for international travel.

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.

More information:

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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.

