Senior Lecturer in Social Work

College/Division  College of Arts, Law and Education
School/Section  School of Social Sciences
Location  Burnie/ Launceston/ Hobart/
Classification  Academic Level C
Reporting line  Reports to Professor and Head of Discipline, Social Work
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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 Lecturer in Social Work in 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. The role with work closely with senior academic staff to develop their teaching and research expertise with increasing autonomy.

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

• Make an effective and sustained contribution to the University in achieving its strategic objectives and fulfilling its operational responsibilities.
• Build strong and productive partnerships both inside the University and locally and nationally with the discipline, relevant interdisciplinary domains, profession, industry and/or wider community to enhance translation and impact.
• Deliver high-quality scholarly undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, using innovative approaches to prepare students for the future social work workforce.
• Apply your expertise in a range of areas of research and practice relevant to social work to contribute to the development and innovation of the social work discipline.
• Contribute to developing Indigenising and decolonising practices across the range of research, teaching, and professional activities undertaken in the role.
• Undertake other duties as assigned by the supervisor.

What We’re Looking For (success criteria)

• PhD in Social Work and eligibility for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).
• Evidence of a strong research track record (relevant to career stage) in an area aligned with Social Work practice, including a sustained record of high-quality publications and successful competitive funding.
• A demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a team and contribute actively to team leadership and capacity building.
• Demonstrated experience and successful track record of mentoring and supervising honours and higher degree research students to completion.
• Significant track record in delivering dynamic and relevant learning experiences for students at the University level in Social Work, including responsibility for course coordination and curriculum design.
• A minimum of two years (FTE) post-qualifying practice experience.

Other position requirements
• Current Working with Vulnerable People registration (or to be obtained).
• Regular travel within Tasmania, and the possibility of other domestic or 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.

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