Field Education Officer

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 Field Education Officer 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 Field Education Officer is an ongoing full-time role and will be responsible for arranging and supporting the placement of undergraduate and postgraduate students with a focus on safety, developing and maintaining relationships with internal and external partners, working within, and contributing to Field Education policies and procedures, and supporting field educators and liaison staff.

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

- Coordinate, support and evaluate the Field Education component of the Social Work program in a designated area, including identifying placement opportunities, matching students to placements conducting sing issues.

- Contribute to the scholarly teaching and research activities of the social work Program, working closely with senior academic staff to develop increasing autonomy.

- Initiate and nurture connections with agencies to ensure student placements are facilitated, supervised and maintained in a timely manner and in accordance with regulatory and University requirements.

- Prepare students for field education placements through the provision of information, resources, workshops and seminars. In addition, provide support and facilitate learning activities for Field Educators and liaison staff to ensure a high-quality field education experience for students.

- Undertake administrative tasks associated with field education placements, ensuring accountability and compliance with University and regulatory requirements.
- Monitor, assess and report on student progress in the field education setting, including advising students on their learning and related needs and assisting in the resolution of issues.
- 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)

- A PhD or equivalent practice expertise in Social Work and eligibility for membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).
- Professional experience of at least 5 years FTE post-graduate in Social Work or a related field.
- A demonstrated ability to liaise and communicate with a broad range of stakeholders in a professional and engaging manner with a high level of cultural awareness and sensitivity.
- Highly developed negotiation and conflict resolution skills and the successful practical application thereof.
- Experience in delivering dynamic and relevant learning experiences at the University level or equivalent, across all delivery modes including online and face-to-face.
- A demonstrated ability to conduct research and/or quality improvement and make data driven decisions.

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.

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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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