

# Senior Lecturer (Urban Planning & Design)

Department/Unit	Department of Architecture
Faculty/Division	Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture
Classification	Level C
Work location	Caulfield campus
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# **Organisational context**

Everyone needs a platform to launch a satisfying career. At Monash, we give you the space and support to take your career in all kinds of exciting new directions. You'll have access to quality research, infrastructure and learning facilities, opportunities to collaborate internationally, as well as the grants you'll need to publish your work. We're a university full of energetic and enthusiastic minds, driven to challenge what's expected, expand what we know, and learn from other inspiring, empowering thinkers. Discover more at <u>www.monash.edu</u>

#### The Faculty of Art, Design & Architecture

In Melbourne, art, design and architecture are leading influences on the city's internationally recognised cultural dynamism, exhibited through significant collecting and exhibiting institutions, commercial galleries and innovative cultural production. Within this rich milieu, Monash Art Design & Architecture (MADA) is a vibrant centre of rigorous creative practice, encompassing architecture, design and fine art integrated with traditional scholarship. MADA advocates the essential role of creative practice in quality of life and proposes and develops models for future communities that are culturally enriched and environmentally sustainable. To learn more about MADA, please visit our website: www.monash.edu/mada

In 2018, MADA is introducing a Master of Urban Planning & Design to explore contemporary issues in urban planning. It is expected that there will be about 20 students enrolled in the first year. MADA intends to position its presence in urban planning by integrating policy-based methods with spatial processes, and will have an overt interdisciplinary and collaborative approach. The course extends the existing urban research and teaching in the Department of Architecture through the delivery of four planning projects - the Compact City, the Ecological City, the Sprawling City and the Inclusive City – all of which explore the impacts of the growth and transformation of cities as we move through this century. The course expands traditional planning education to include integrative design approaches that can develop the important skills required for planners to meet the future city's cultural, economic and climatic challenges.

The discipline will be located in the Department of Architecture and will have strong connections with other urban thinkers in faculties and research centres across Monash University, including the Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities, the Monash Sustainability Institute and the Monash Infrastructure Institute. The course will be locally and internationally networked with a broad community of practitioners, educators and researchers, with students drawn from many disciplines and backgrounds.

The Master of Urban Planning and Design will join a suite of outstanding academic programs at MADA that strive to be relevant to contemporary global issues and sensitive to regional contexts, including community engagement, inclusion and resilience. MADA encourages connections between

art, design, architecture, and now urban planning, through teaching, research as well as integrating with other disciplines to solve emerging societal challenges.

# **Position purpose**

The Senior Lecturer of Urban Planning is expected to make meaningful contributions to the teaching, research and professional activities of the Department of Architecture. The incumbent will possess a strong scholarly record and demonstrated leadership across multiple areas of research and teaching including land use, transportation, infrastructure, housing, and environmental planning.

The Senior Lecturer will work with the Program Director to develop and deliver the strategy for the discipline of urban planning aligned with MADA's vision and linking to other disciplines across Monash as relevant. She/he will assist in the establishment and implementation of academic and research programs in order to develop a distinct profile, with impact on the local and global planning environment.

Reporting Line: The position reports to the Program Director, Urban Planning & Design

Supervisory responsibilities: Not applicable

Financial delegation and/or budget responsibilities: Not applicable

## **Key responsibilities**

- 1. In conjunction with the Program Director, contribute to the strategy for urban planning & design at Monash
- 2. Undertake teaching and curriculum development in urban planning and design, including the conduct of projects, study units, tutorials, lectures, seminars, workshops, and/or student field excursions
- 3. Course coordination including offering guidance to colleagues and supervision of sessional teaching staff
- 4. Consultation with students and supervision of students
- 5. Preparation and assessment of student assignments and examinations
- 6. Conduct of original research that will lead to publications in refereed journals or with high level academic / commercial publishers, non-tradition research outputs and/or attract industry and government project funding
- 7. Attendance at departmental, school and/or faculty meetings and a role in planning or committee work
- 8. Contribute to the advocacy and championing of the discipline of urban planning and design to maintain and broaden collaborative partnerships with relevant faculties departments/schools within the University and wider professional community

# Key selection criteria

### **Education/Qualifications**

- 1. The incumbent should possess:
  - A research doctorate or equivalent higher degree in urban planning, or, in exceptional circumstances, demonstration of equivalence through research-based practice

#### Knowledge and skills:

- 2. An understanding of the discipline of urban planning and the role of the tertiary institution in preparing planners for industry needs, while also contributing to critical discourse
- 3. A high level of interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to work independently and collegiately, across both the academic and professional service sectors of the university
- 4. Commitment to high quality education including a demonstrated strong record of teaching excellence in a tertiary environment, ideally with experience in course development
- 5. A record of research excellence in urban planning, evidenced through relevant research grants and publications, project outcomes and professional esteem

6. Demonstrated ability to engage across a range of audiences, including professional and academic communities and to broker linkages with industry government and or other communities and administrative activities and tasks

# Other job related information

- Travel (e.g. to other campuses of the University) may be required
- There may be peak periods of work during which the taking of leave may be restricted

## Legal compliance

Ensure you are aware of and adhere to legislation and University policy relevant to the duties undertaken, including: Equal Employment Opportunity, supporting equity and fairness; Occupational Health and Safety, supporting a safe workplace; Conflict of Interest (including Conflict of Interest in Research); Paid Outside Work; Privacy; Research Conduct; and Staff/Student Relationships.