



## Position description

### Professor of Journalism

<b>Department/Unit</b>	Media, Film and Journalism
<b>Faculty</b>	Faculty of Arts
<b>Classification</b>	Level E
<b>Work location</b>	Caulfield campus
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### Organisational context

Monash is a university of transformation, progress and optimism. Our people are our most valued asset, with our academics among the best in the world and our professional staff revolutionising the way we operate as an organisation. For more information about our University and our exciting future, please visit [www.monash.edu](http://www.monash.edu)

#### The Faculty of Arts

Monash Arts is one of the largest, most diverse and dynamic arts faculties in Australia, with particular strengths in the humanities, performing arts, languages and social sciences. We encourage the development of innovative studies that operate at the intersection of traditional academic disciplines. The Faculty delivers programs via five schools and across five campuses, both in Australia and offshore, with courses ranging from undergraduate diplomas and degrees through to postgraduate coursework and research degrees. Monash Arts is justly proud of the research capacity of its staff who work at the cutting edge in their fields and carry this expertise and enthusiasm into their teaching.

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The **School of Media, Film and Journalism** (MFJ) has more than 6,500 domestic and international students taking our courses in Communication and Media Studies, Film, Journalism and the Academic and Professional Writing unit. The school has a vibrant community of doctoral students. The school features the Monash Media Lab, which has a full suite of news studios and digital media production spaces, which provides our students with a highly professional environment where they can learn digital media production and communication skills needed in the 21st century. The School of MFJ attracts outstanding staff and students because it combines contemporary media practices with the world-class research environment of a prestigious Group of Eight (Go8) university. To learn more about MFJ, please visit our website: <http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/mfj/mfj/>.

### Position purpose

The Professor of Journalism will inspire and enable a culture of high achievement, collaboration, foster excellence in research, teaching and professional activity aligned with the school of Media, Film and Journalism's principal objectives. In particular, the occupant of the position will foster and mentor Journalism Department staff to fulfil their research potential, including establishing a successful approach to achieving collaborative grants and publications. The appointee will increase the profile of the school, nationally and internationally, by helping enhance the standing of staff research and research training activities; ensuring they achieve successful research outcomes; and providing national and international media commentary in journalistic, academic and public debates.

**Reporting Line:** The position reports to the Head, School of Media, Film and Journalism and is a continuing position

**Supervisory responsibilities:** The position will be involved in professional development and supervision of academic staff in the area

**Financial delegation and/or budget responsibilities:** Nil

## Key responsibilities

1. Actively engage in a specialist research area in line with the school's research strategy, conducting quality research that is published in major international journals, high-level media and other publication outlets, as attested by peer review and that is funded by major competitive research grants
2. Foster research excellence through procuring competitive research grants, leading significant research projects, providing leadership to research teams within the discipline group and working with staff within related disciplines to develop research links
3. Provide strong and committed leadership in teaching (making a distinguished personal contribution to the school's teaching program at all levels) and curriculum development, consulting with students and being an advocate of the discipline of journalism by participating in the school's curriculum planning and development processes, academic committees as needed and relevant assessment processes
4. Provide innovative and effective leadership for the expansion of the school's HDR program by attracting high quality HDR students and supervising and mentoring early career researchers and research students at honours, masters and PhD levels
5. Contribute to academic leadership within the school, faculty and the University by participating in the development of research policy and practice, leading strategic planning for the discipline of journalism and taking a leadership role in the school's academic communities where appropriate
6. Maintain and broaden collaborative partnerships with relevant faculties and departments/schools within the University and community as a key representative of Journalism at Monash
7. Maintain and broaden collaborative partnerships with external agencies both nationally and internationally, making a significant contribution to the profession and further advancing the discipline of journalism, providing national and international commentary on journalistic academia and public debates for media release
8. Actively contribute to partnering with industry and providing leadership in community affairs, diversifying funding avenues

## Key selection criteria

### Education/Qualifications

1. The incumbent should possess:
  - A research doctorate in journalism or a closely related discipline area

### Knowledge and Skills

2. Evidence of outstanding scholarly activity of an international standard in Journalism and a demonstrated ongoing commitment to one or more programs of research, which might be augmented by high-level experience of practising journalism on multiple platforms
3. Demonstrated ongoing commitment to generate research income from competitive diversified funding sources
4. A record of successful supervision of postgraduate research students and the ability to make a significant contribution to postgraduate training programs in journalism
5. Proven excellence in teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels
6. Proven professional leadership qualities and capacity for executive administrative responsibilities and the willingness to make a substantial contribution to all activities of the school, including administration, decision making and planning and promoting journalism as a discipline

7. Highly developed communication, liaison and networking skills with the ability to liaise well with other academics, students, potential students and the wider community and evidence of sustained relationships with industry, business, government agencies and professional bodies as relevant to journalism
8. A vision for the future needs and development of both traditional research and practice-as-research approaches, and an understanding of how the two relate to journalism within Australia and internationally from both research and education perspectives

## **Other job related information**

- Travel (e.g. to other campuses of the University) may be required
- Out of hours work (including evenings, weekends and public holidays) 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.