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**Position Title: Lecturer in Political Science**

**Position Classification: Level B**

**Position Number: NEW**

**Faculty/Office: Faculty of Arts, Business, Law and Education**

**School/Division: School of Social Sciences**

**Centre/Section: Discipline of Political Science and International Relations**

**Supervisor Title:** **Head of School**

**Supervisor Position Number: 303033**

**About the University**

Over 100 years ago, The University of Western Australia was founded with the aim of advancing the welfare and prosperity of its community.

UWA has risen to changing social and economic challenges, while achieving international standards, educating world-class graduates, producing ground breaking research and engaging in our community.

Delivering practical benefits to the community has always been at our core. We do this through the creation and sharing of knowledge, to foster a deeper understanding of our subject, ourselves and the world around us. That’s because we believe that understanding is the key to a better future. Through understanding comes progress and through progress we can help create a better future for all.

UWA is already ranked in the top 1% of the world’s universities, but our goal is to be recognised as in the world’s top 50, for education as well as research.

The University of Western Australia has an international reputation for excellence and enterprise and has been rated as one of the best comprehensive universities in Australia. It is one of the country’s leading research institutions as demonstrated by our Nobel Laureate and is the only WA member of the prestigious “Group of Eight” research universities.

The University is undergoing a period of transformational change to gain greater efficiencies, improve value, services and satisfaction. In this period of change the University remains focussed on being a world leader. The attraction and retention of the world’s best employees is critical to achieving the University’s strategic aim of being in the top 50 universities by 2050.

**Vision and Values**

The University of Western Australia’s vision is to achieve international excellence.

The core values underpinning our activities include commitments to:

* A high performance culture designed to achieve international excellence
* Academic freedom to encourage staff and students to engage in the open exchange of ideas and thought
* Continuous improvement through self-examination and external review
* Fostering the values of openness, honesty, tolerance, fairness, trust and responsibility in social, moral and academic matters
* Transparency in decision making and accountability
* Equity and merit as the fundamental principles for the achievement of the full potential of all staff and students

All staff are expected to comply with the Code of Ethics and the University’s Code of Conduct and demonstrate a commitment to its Equity and Diversity and Safety principles and the General Capabilities of personal effectiveness, working collaboratively and demonstrating a focus on results. Details of the University policies on these can be accessed at <http://www.hr.uwa.edu.au/publications/code_of_ethics>, <http://www.equity.uwa.edu.au> and <http://www.safety.uwa.edu.au/policies>.

**Your work area**

The School of Social Sciences offers a rich learning and research environment spanning social and cultural studies in Australia, Europe and Asia. As well as undergraduate and postgraduate programs, the School supports an active research program. The Discipline of Political Science and International Relations offers postgraduate and/or undergraduate programs in Political Science, International Relations, International Development and Public Policy.

**Organisation chart**

**Your role**

The Lecturer in Political Science will undertake research, teaching, unit coordination and student supervision in collaboration with colleagues and under the direction of the Head of the School of Social Sciences. The applicant must be motivated to contribute to the academic environment of the discipline and the School and have a strong research portfolio relative to opportunity within Political Science, as well as the ability to contribute to the broader research environment of the School.

The appointment will contribute towards teaching in the School’s undergraduate and postgraduate programs and contribute towards the School’s research strategy. Additional teaching in Political Science or other Disciplines may be required at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, as well as supervising honours and masters theses and HDR students.

**Key responsibilities**

* Develop and pursue an active research program in Political Science
* Coordinate and teach undergraduate and postgraduate units in international political economy and other political science areas, as required
* Contribute to the administration, coordination, and promotion of the Political Science and International Relations major and the broader course offerings in the School
* Supervise postgraduate coursework and honours students in Political Science
* Participate actively in the academic community of the School and the wider University

**Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)**

1. PhD in Political Science
2. Strong record of research publication relative to career stage
3. Demonstrated research program in a research area that complements and grows the research currently conducted in the Discipline Group
4. Demonstrated ability to build research collaboration
5. Demonstrated ability and willingness to co-ordinate and teach units at all postgraduate and undergraduate levels in international political economy and related areas of Political Science and International Relations
6. Demonstrated commitment to pursue the best educational practices, and to implement institutional goals
7. Demonstrated ability to relate well to staff and students at all levels and evidence of a commitment to equity and diversity principles

**Special Requirements (selection criteria)**

There are no special requirements for this position.

**Position Approvals**

*Approvals are now electronic. No signature section needed.*