# POSITION DESCRIPTION



**Department of Finance** Faculty of Business and Economics

# **Associate Professor in Finance**

POSITION NO	0002546
CLASSIFICATION	Associate Professor, Level D
SALARY	\$145,685 - \$160,500 p.a.
SUPERANNUATION	Employer contribution of 17%
WORKING HOURS	Full-time (1.0FTE)
BASIS OF EMPLOYMENT	Continuing position
OTHER BENEFITS	http://about.unimelb.edu.au/careers/working/benefits
HOW TO APPLY	Online applications are preferred. Go to http://about.unimelb.edu.au/careers, select the relevant option ('Current Staff' or 'Prospective Staff'), then find the position by title or number.
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## **Position Summary**

The position of Associate Professor contributes to leadership in teaching, research and administration activities in the Department. The incumbent will undertake scholarly and research activities, leading to publications in high quality finance journals, and in presenting his/her research at prominent international finance conferences. The incumbent will undertake finance teaching activities and act as subject coordinator involving subject administration. A commitment to quality in teaching and an ability and willingness to teach a variety of subjects is required. The incumbent will also apply for competitive research grant funding leading to high quality publications and/or knowledge transfer with the finance profession. Administration duties commensurate with the position will also be undertaken.

## 1. Key Responsibilities

## 1.1 TEACHING

- Conducting lectures at undergraduate and postgraduate levels
- Acting as subject coordinator
- Marking and assessment
- Producing, developing and reviewing teaching materials and teaching courses and programs in the discipline of finance
- Consulting with students
- Performing the required administrative functions associated with teaching

## **1.2 RESEARCH & RESEARCH TRAINING**

- Conducting research, leading to scholarly publications in top tier and high quality finance journals
- Supervising PhD, MCom and Honours research projects
- Strong involvement in the department's research culture, by participating in research seminars, symposia, and workshops
- The presentation of research findings at prominent international conferences, domestic conferences and in (inter)national seminar series
- Applying for competitive research grant funding

## **1.3 LEADERSHIP**

- Providing leadership in teaching by mentoring junior colleagues in establishing their teaching portfolio
- Providing leadership in research by mentoring junior colleagues in establishing their research portfolio and by actively collaborating in departmental research activities

## **1.4 ADMINISTRATION**

- Attendance and participation at all relevant departmental and faculty meetings
- Membership of a limited number of Department and Faculty committees

## 1.5 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) and Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) responsibilities as outlined in section 4

## 2. Selection Criteria

#### 2.1 ESSENTIAL

- A PhD in finance
- A substantial research record, as evidenced by publications in top tier and high quality finance journals
- Substantial high quality teaching experience, at undergraduate, postgraduate and/or PhD level
- The ability to effectively supervise PhD students
- The ability to provide leadership in both teaching and research
- The ability to attract competitive research funding
- An evident concern for the welfare of students
- Strong interpersonal skills

## 2.2 DESIRABLE

- Experience in and/or knowledge of the finance profession
- The ability to engage in significant community engagement activities

## 3. Equal Opportunity, Diversity and Inclusion

The University is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to providing a workplace free from all forms of unlawful discrimination, harassment, bullying, vilification and victimisation. The University makes decisions on employment, promotion and reward on the basis of merit.

The University is committed to all aspects of equal opportunity, diversity and inclusion in the workplace and to providing all staff, students, contractors, honorary appointees, volunteers and visitors with a safe, respectful and rewarding environment free from all forms of unlawful discrimination, harassment, vilification and victimisation. This commitment is set out in the University's People Strategy 2015-2020 and policies that address diversity and inclusion, equal employment opportunity, discrimination, sexual harassment, bullying and appropriate workplace behaviour. All staff are required to comply with all University policies.

The University values diversity because we recognise that the differences in our people's age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, nationality, sexual orientation, physical ability and background bring richness to our work environment. Consequently, the People Strategy sets out the strategic aim to drive diversity and inclusion across the University to create an environment where the compounding benefits of a diverse workforce are recognised as vital in our continuous desire to strive for excellence and reach the targets of Growing Esteem.

## 4. Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)

All staff are required to take reasonable care for their own health and safety and that of other personnel who may be affected by their conduct.

OHS responsibilities applicable to positions are published at:

http://safety.unimelb.edu.au/people/community/responsibilities-of-personnel

These include general staff responsibilities and those additional responsibilities that apply for Managers and Supervisors and other Personnel.

## 5. Other Information

## 5.1 ORGANISATION UNIT

www.finance.unimelb.edu.au

## 5.2 BUDGET DIVISION

The Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Melbourne has been preparing students for exciting and challenging careers in industry since 1924. We have developed an outstanding reputation, locally and internationally, for the quality of our teaching and research. The Faculty has an active board of business leaders, government representatives and community leaders who contribute to the implementation of our vision.

## **Organisational Structure**

The Faculty is home to Melbourne Business School (MBS) and to six teaching and research departments:

Accounting Business Administration Economics Finance Management and Marketing Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research

The Faculty has the following student and academic support centres:

Academic Support Office

Student Employability and Enrichment

Research Development Unit

The Williams Centre for Learning Advancement

The Faculty is supported by the following Professional Services Units:

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Human Resources (including OHS)

Marketing and Communications

Service Level and Facilities Management

Quality Office

The faculty also hosts two University-wide initiatives:

- The Melbourne School of Professional and Continuing Education (MSPACE) which provides support to all Academic Divisions for their existing professional, continuing and executive education programs, and operates with a specific whole-of-institution mandate to significantly expand the University's professional, continuing and executive education offerings.
- The Melbourne Entrepreneurial Centre (MEC) which brings together a number of programs to focus a range of activities aimed at developing an entrepreneurial culture at the University of Melbourne.

#### **Our Programs**

There are about 9,500 students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate degrees within the Faculty.

The Bachelor of Commerce is one of the most sought-after business courses in Australia. From 1 May 2013 all graduate programs in business and economics are offered through Melbourne Business School. Melbourne Business School offers a full suite of professional masters programs for those with little work experience right through to the MBA suite. It is also the home of leading research masters degrees and the PhD.

#### **Our Graduates**

Since the Faculty was established it has produced over 53,000 graduates. Many of our alumni now occupy senior positions in business, government and academia, in Australia and around the world.

Further information about the Faculty is available at www.fbe.unimelb.edu.au.

## 5.3 THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Established in 1853, the University of Melbourne is a leading international university with a tradition of excellence in teaching and research. The main campus in Parkville is recognised as the hub of Australia's premier knowledge precinct comprising eight hospitals, many leading research institutes and a wide-range of knowledge-based industries. With outstanding performance in international rankings, the University is at the forefront of higher education in the Asia-Pacific region and the world.

The University employs people of outstanding calibre and offers a unique environment where staff are valued and rewarded.

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## 5.4 GROWING ESTEEM, THE MELBOURNE CURRICULUM AND RESEARCH AT MELBOURNE: ENSURING EXCELLENCE AND IMPACT TO 2025

Growing Esteem describes Melbourne's strategy to achieve its aspiration to be a publicspirited and internationally-engaged institution, highly regarded for making distinctive contributions to society in research and research training, learning and teaching, and engagement. http://about.unimelb.edu.au/strategy-and-leadership

The University is at the forefront of Australia's changing higher education system and offers a distinctive model of education known collectively as the Melbourne Curriculum. The new educational model, designed for an outstanding experience for all students, is based on six broad undergraduate programs followed by a graduate professional degree, research higher degree or entry directly into employment. The emphasis on academic breadth as well as disciplinary depth in the new degrees ensures that graduates will have the capacity to succeed in a world where knowledge boundaries are shifting and reforming to create new frontiers and challenges. In moving to the new model, the University is also aligning itself with the best of emerging European and Asian practice and well-established North American traditions.

The University's global aspirations seek to make significant contributions to major social, economic and environmental challenges. Accordingly, the University's research strategy *Research at Melbourne: Ensuring Excellence and Impact to 2025* aspires to a significant advancement in the excellence and impact of its research outputs. http://research.unimelb.edu.au/our-research/research-at-melbourne

The strategy recognises that as a public-spirited, research-intensive institution of the future, the University must strive to make a tangible impact in Australia and the world, working across disciplinary and sectoral boundaries and building deeper and more substantive engagement with industry, collaborators and partners. While cultivating the fundamental enabling disciplines through investigator-driven research, the University has adopted three grand challenges aspiring to solve some of the most difficult problems facing our world in the next century. These Grand Challenges include:

- Understanding our place and purpose The place and purpose grand challenge centres on understanding all aspects of our national identity, with a focus on Australia's 'place' in the Asia-Pacific region and the world, and on our 'purpose' or mission to improve all dimensions of the human condition through our research.
- Fostering health and wellbeing The health and wellbeing grand challenge focuses on building the scale and breadth of our capabilities in population and global health; on harnessing our contribution to the 'convergence revolution' of biomedical and health research, bringing together the life sciences, engineering and the physical sciences; and on addressing the physical, mental and social aspects of wellbeing by looking beyond the traditional boundaries of biomedicine.
- Supporting sustainability and resilience The sustainability and resilience grand challenge addresses the critical issues of climate change, water and food security, sustainable energy and designing resilient cities and regions. In addition to the technical aspects, this grand challenge considers the physical and social functioning of cities, connecting physical phenomena with lessons from our past, and the implications of the technical solutions for economies, living patterns and behaviours.

Essential to tackling these challenges, an outstanding faculty, high performing students, wide collaboration including internationally and deep partnerships with external parties form central components of Research at Melbourne: Ensuring Excellence and Impact to 2025.

## 5.5 GOVERNANCE

The Vice Chancellor is the Chief Executive Officer of the University and responsible to Council for the good management of the University.

Comprehensive information about the University of Melbourne and its governance structure is available at http://www.unimelb.edu.au/governance