

## Position Description

### Research Officer

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**Position No:**

**Organisation Unit:** Media and Communications

**Faculty:** Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

**Campus/Location:** Melbourne

**Classification:** Level A – Research Officer

**Employment Type:** Fixed Term, Part Time (0.5)

**Position Supervisor:** Head of Department, Communications and Media  
**Number:** 50038182

**Other Benefits:** <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/jobs/working/benefits>

Further information about:

La Trobe University - <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/about>

Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences - <http://latrobe.edu.au/humanities>

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## Level A – Research Officer

A Level A research-only academic is expected to contribute towards the research effort of the institution and to develop his/her research expertise through the pursuit of defined projects relevant to the particular field of research.

## Position Context

This position has been created to support the ARC funded project 'New Beats: A study of Australian journalism redundancies' - <http://www.newbeatsblog.com>. The Level A Research Officer will undertake research for the project including conducting literature searches, producing article summaries, managing surveys, undertaking survey and interview analysis, conducting interviews, and contributing to the production of papers and articles for publication. The Research Officer will participate in some professional activities such as presenting papers at conferences and seminars, attending meetings with project chief investigators and Industry Partners and undertaking minimal administrative functions associated with the conduct and dissemination of research. They will be working collaboratively and also at times independently.

## Key areas of accountabilities:

- Contribute to research under limited supervision as a member of a team and, where appropriate, independently.
- Collect and interpret research data and results. Run analyses using specified and agreed techniques, for both qualitative and quantitative data. Contribute to the development of techniques, models and methods.
- Contribute to the production of conference papers, seminar papers and publications arising from the research.
- Be involved in professional activities including attendance at conferences and seminars in the field of expertise.
- Attend meetings associated with research or the work of the organisational unit to which the research is connected and/or departmental and/or faculty meetings and/or membership of a limited number of committees.
- Contribute to the activities of the school and faculty, as agreed with the supervisor and as consistent with the requirements of any external contracts relating to funding of the position.

## Key Selection Criteria:

- Completion of a Bachelor's degree with Honours or equivalent in journalism, or media and communications, or a related field.
- Evidence of experience in research using qualitative and/or quantitative methods, and the ability to work effectively under limited supervision or independently.
- A record of contribution to publications, conference papers and/or reports, or professional or technical contributions which provide evidence of research potential.
- Experience in the collection and analysis of data, including the capacity to integrate data from a range of sources.
- Demonstrated high level written and oral communication skills.
- Demonstrated capacity to work effectively as a member of a team.
- Ability to liaise effectively with a range of collaborators nationally and/or internationally.

**Desirable**

- Completion of, or enrolment in, a PhD or Masters by Research, in the relevant discipline.
- Evidence of involvement in professional activities and/or of contributions to technical achievement.

**Other relevant information:**

- The position description is indicative of the initial expectation of the role and subject to changes to University goals and priorities, activities or focus of the job.

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At La Trobe we:

- take a world view
- pursue ideas and excellence with energy
- treat people with respect and work together
- are open, friendly and honest
- hold ourselves accountable for making great things happen

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