



Position description

Lecturer in Ancient Cultures

Department/Unit	Centre for the Study of Ancient Cultures, School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies
Faculty/Division	Faculty of Arts
Classification	Level B
Work location	Clayton 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

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 eight schools and across six 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 Philosophical, Historical and International Studies undertakes teaching and research and includes: the Philosophy Program; the Centre for Human Bioethics; the History Program; the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies; the Centre for the Study of Ancient Cultures; the Centre for Religious Studies; and the Australian Centre for the Study of Jewish Civilisation. The School is one of five Schools in the Faculty of Arts. The School has administrative responsibility for the faculty major in International Studies. The School's teaching covers many of the key areas of human societies and includes programs at all levels: research degrees, postgraduate coursework, and majors within the Bachelor of Arts. It forms an active research community, producing many publications for both scholarly and general audiences.

The Centre for the Study of Ancient Cultures though small, with five staff, has a vibrant teaching and research programme, and incorporates the disciplines of ancient history, archaeology and classics. Its teaching is multi-disciplinary and focuses upon the major cultures of the eastern Mediterranean, currently specialising in Egypt, Greece and Rome, while research engages with these and other groups. Staff are active in fieldwork within Australia, Egypt, South Africa and Turkey, and have strong links with other tertiary institutions in Australia and overseas, and the major local state galleries and museums. Research projects have consistently attracted government and other forms of funding. The majority of the units within the Ancient Cultures major are offered by staff of the Centre, and range from introductions to ancient cultures to detailed studies of aspects of Egypt, Greece and Rome. The study of ancient Egypt spans the Predynastic, Dynastic and Ptolemaic Periods, and incorporates the teaching of Middle Egyptian. Archaeology at Monash is ranked as above world standard.

Position purpose

A Level B academic is expected to make significant contributions to the teaching effort of the centre, school, faculty or other organisational unit or an interdisciplinary area. An academic at this level is expected to carry out activities to maintain and develop her/his scholarly, research and/or professional activities relevant to the profession or discipline.

The incumbent will be expected to contribute to teaching in the undergraduate and honours programmes. The Level B academic will also undertake research supervision of honours and graduate students; engage in original and innovative research; be prepared to collaborate in research and team teaching; and support the Centre's engagement and public activities.

The incumbent plays a key role in maintaining and expanding the Centre for Ancient Culture's existing strengths in the history and archaeology of Ancient Egypt

Key responsibilities

Specific duties required of a Level B academic include:

1. The conduct of tutorials, practical classes, demonstrations, workshops, student field excursions
2. Development of course material with appropriate advice from and support of more senior staff
3. The initiation and development of subject material
4. The preparation and delivery of lectures and seminars
5. Supervision of major honours or postgraduate research projects
6. Supervision of the program of study of honours students and of postgraduate students engaged in course work
7. Conduct original research that will lead to publications in refereed journals or with high level academic or commercial publishers
8. Development of research projects that are suitable for external and government funding
9. Participate actively in and contribute to the collaborative research culture of the Centre and School
10. Involvement in professional activity
11. Consultation with students
12. Broad administrative functions; the majority of which are connected with the subjects in which the academic teaches
13. Marking and assessment
14. Attendance at departmental, school and/or faculty meetings and a major role in planning or committee work
15. Design, maintenance and utilisation of web-based teaching and administrative resources (Moodle), including training and coordination of sessional tutors

Key Selection Criteria:

Essential

1. A PhD qualification in the study of any aspect of ancient Egypt
2. Broad understanding of the cultural evolution of ancient Egypt throughout its predynastic and historic phases with a sound knowledge of history, archaeology and material culture; knowledge of Middle Egyptian is necessary
3. Fieldwork experience and interest in expanding Monash's involvement in further fieldwork; an interest in continuing Monash's fieldwork in Dakhleh oasis is desirable
4. Evidence of outstanding research potential and an established research publication record with a demonstrated capacity and enthusiasm to undertake and publish research and to generate external funding for research
5. High quality teaching experience at tertiary level, and a capacity to teach broadly into the ancient cultures programme

6. Experience in both honours and postgraduate supervision
7. Ability to work as part of a team, with a willingness and capacity to contribute to the collegial activities of the Faculty and to work collaboratively towards the enhancement of the Faculty environment for all staff and students
8. Good organisational and administrative skills and a high level of oral, written, IT and administrative/organisational skills

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.