



PRATT FOUNDATION CHAIR OF JEWISH CIVILISATION AND DIRECTOR, AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR JEWISH CIVILISATION

DEPARTMENT/UNIT	Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation, School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies
FACULTY/DIVISION	Faculty of Arts
CLASSIFICATION	A competitive remuneration package will apply
WORK LOCATION	Caulfield campus

ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

Monash is full of thinkers and doers who are looking for their next challenge. So if you've forged a rewarding career so far, this role provides the perfect platform to join us. You'll have access to quality research facilities, infrastructure and teaching spaces to do exciting work, along with opportunities to collaborate internationally. You'll be part of a University that's made up of inspirational, challenging thinkers and doers – and continue doing work that makes a lasting impact. Discover more at 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 seven 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. To learn more about Monash Arts, please visit our website: <http://future.arts.monash.edu/>.

The **Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation (ACJC)** is a leading tertiary centre for Jewish studies, discover more at <https://arts.monash.edu/acjc/>. The Centre offers minor sequences in Jewish studies and Holocaust and Genocide Studies. The minor in Jewish studies includes Modern Jewish history, Modern Israel, The Arab-Israel conflict, The Modern Middle East, War and peace: models of conflict resolution, and Post-conflict: justice, memory and reconciliation.

The Holocaust and Genocide Studies minor provides study sequences focused on knowledge about the Holocaust and other cases of genocide. Leading international scholars contribute each year to the program culminating in an

annual international Aftermath conference. Students undertaking the minor in Holocaust and Genocide Studies are taught to consider the complex issues of genocidal violence, ideology, displaced persons and refugees, human rights, international law, ethics, cultural memory, and community regeneration. A key component of the program is the Shoah Visual History Archive held by Monash University, a prime resource for student engagement and scholarly research. The ACJC is also a leader in overseas study units.

POSITION PURPOSE

The Pratt Foundation Chair is a teaching and research Professorship based in the Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation. The appointee will be an outstanding academic who has excelled in undergraduate teaching and postgraduate supervision and has a highly successful record in academic research in a field of Jewish studies. The position requires proven leadership skills and attributes to direct and guide the Centre into the next phase of its strategic development. The incumbent has the capacity to:

- Identify and act upon opportunities for advancing subject offerings within Jewish studies;
- Ensure effective interaction between the Centre's programs and other parts of the faculty and University, particularly in relation to cooperative teaching and research activities; and
- Participate effectively in the School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies policy-making and management process

The Professor will also hold the position of Director, Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation, for a period of 3 years, with responsibility for leading and coordinating the teaching and research activities of the Centre. The Director is responsible for management of the Centre; building its teaching profile across the Faculty; building research capacity; and enhancing research performance. A key component of the role is external engagement and involvement with the Jewish community through ongoing development of the Centre's external activities, which include an innovative and expansive public program. The position of Pratt Foundation Chair will be held for 5 years, and may be extended after a review for an additional 5 years at the discretion of the University. The position will be underpinned by a continuing appointment as Professor.

Reporting Line: The position reports to the Head, School of Philosophical, International and Historical Studies

Supervisory Responsibilities: Not Applicable

Financial Delegation: Not Applicable

Budget Responsibilities: Not Applicable

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific duties required of the Professor and Director, Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation include:

Capacity Building

1. Maintain, enhance and contribute to the strong undergraduate teaching program of the Centre
2. Mentor the research performance of academic staff
3. Build on the strong program of research of the Centre, which has to date attracted substantial external funding
4. Provide personal leadership through world-class research performance as indicated by ongoing publication in the highest impact journals and academic presses, supervision of postgraduate students, and winning external research funding
5. Develop research proposals for submission to the Australian Research Council and other external sources of funding
6. Pro-actively build and maintain positive relationships with key internal and external stakeholders, including ongoing development of strategies for facilitating new partnerships

7. Identify and build relationships with potential sources of philanthropic funding
8. Maintain consultation with external stakeholders
9. Oversee the successful implementation of all public programs and community engagement

Strategic Activity

10. The Director will ensure that activities and projects within the Centre are in accord with the Faculty and University's strategic vision, and will develop a strategic plan for the Centre in close consultation with the Head, School of Philosophical, International and Historical Studies

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Education/Qualifications

1. The appointee will have:
 - A doctorate in any field of Jewish studies, or equivalent accreditation and standing, and recognised as a leading authority in the relevant discipline

Knowledge and Skills

2. Evidence of outstanding scholarly activity and publications of an international standard in any field of Jewish studies and a demonstrated ongoing commitment to one or more programs of research
3. Demonstrated ability to generate research income, including from both traditional and more innovative and entrepreneurial sources of research funding
4. Record of successful supervision of postgraduate research students and the ability to make a significant contribution to the promotion of postgraduate research in one or more areas of Jewish studies
5. Excellent record of undergraduate teaching, including curriculum and program design
6. Willingness and capacity to make a substantial contribution to all activities of the Centre and school, including in teaching, administration and planning
7. Proven professional leadership qualities and capacity for executive administrative responsibilities, an excellent high level of communication, interpersonal and organisational skills, coupled with the desire to steer the future direction of the Centre
8. An ability and willingness to mentor junior colleagues, researchers and grant applicants
9. Strong ability to build effective working relationships with a range of stakeholders both within the University and the broader community

OTHER JOB RELATED INFORMATION

- Travel to other campuses of the University may be required
- There may be a requirement to work additional hours from time to time
- There may be peak periods of work during which taking of leave may be restricted
- A current satisfactory Working With Children Check is required

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.