

Postdoctoral Researcher in the Measurement of Social and Economic Change

College/Division	College of Arts, Law and Education; College of Business and Economics
School/Section	Institute for Social Change
Location	Burnie/ Launceston/ Hobart
Classification	Level B
Reporting line	Reports to Director, Institute for Social Change in liaison with the Associate Dean Research COBE
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Position Summary

The University of Tasmania is building a vision of a place-based University with a mission to enhance the intellectual, economic, social and culture future of Tasmania, and from Tasmania contribute to the world in areas of distinctive advantage. The University recognises that achieving this vision is dependent on the people we employ as well as creating a people-centred University that is values-based, relational, diverse, and development-focused.

The position of postdoctoral researcher sits in the [Institute for Social Change](#), as part of a joint initiative of the [College of Arts, Law and Education](#) and the [College of Business and Economics](#), to analyse, develop and apply social and economic measures to evaluate the impact of change.

The Postdoctoral Researcher in the Measurement of Social and Economic Change analyses existing tools and develops new methods for measuring and describing impact as it relates to social and economic change and to the University's mission. The postdoctoral researcher works with researchers across the University and with partners in government, business and the community sectors under the direction of the Institute Director in liaison with the Associate Dean Research COBE.

The postdoctoral research program makes a strong contribution to scholarly and applied projects and debates, through:

- the development of an innovative place-based approach to assessing the impact of change on wellbeing that combines available social, economic, cultural and environmental data with local opinions and narratives to support community and government decision-making
- addressing debates and solutions that respond to strengths and limitations of current impact measures in quality journal publications and government, industry and community accessible reports and events
- external funding and consultancies that are relevant to the Institute and University objectives.

The program of research builds on The Tasmania Project, housed within the Institute for Social Change, which conducts quantitative and qualitative surveys and interviews, co-designing topics, questions and outreach strategies with government agencies and the community sector. It responds to an urgent need for more granular and reliable social, cultural and economic information about regional communities' experiences that is produced independently and is highly familiar with and empathetic to the local context in which it is being gathered and analysed.

We are an inclusive workplace committed to 'working from the strength that diversity brings' reflected in our Statement of Values. We are dedicated to attracting, retaining and developing our people and are committed to inclusive principles. We celebrate the range of diverse assets that gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, age and life course bring. Applications are encouraged from all sectors of the community. Tell us how we can make this job work for you.

What You'll Do

- Make an effective and sustained contribution to the University in achieving its strategic objectives and fulfilling its operational responsibilities.
- Undertake high-quality research of national and increasingly of international standing, secure external competitive and other funding, publish research findings and contribute to the successful supervision of research higher degree students, in order to meet and regularly exceed the University's research performance expectations for Level B.
- Contribute to the development and maintenance of productive and effective links inside the University and locally and nationally within the discipline, relevant interdisciplinary domains, profession, industry and/or wider community
- Undertake other duties as assigned by the supervisor.

What We're Looking For (success criteria)

- A PhD or equivalent in a relevant field.
- A good record of, and continuing commitment to, research that has achieved national recognition and made worthwhile contributions within the social and/or economics sciences, demonstrated by a record of quality publications, presentations at conferences and preferably success in securing external competitive and other funding.
- A record of contributing to building and maintaining effective and productive links locally and nationally with the discipline, profession, industry (where relevant) and wider community.

Other position requirements

- Regular intrastate/ interstate/ international travel
- Regular travel may be required between campuses
- Visiting and working in the field in remote locations

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The University of Tasmania is an institution with an enduring commitment to our state and community, and a strong global outlook. We are committed to enhancing the intellectual, economic, social and cultural future of Tasmania. Our [Strategic Direction](#) strongly reflects the University community's voice that our University must be place based but globally connected as well as regionally networked and designed to deliver quality access to higher education for the whole State.

We believe that from our unique position here in Tasmania we can impact the world through the contributions of our staff, students and graduates. We recognise that achieving this vision is dependent on the people we employ, as well as creating a university that is values-based, relational, diverse, and development-focused.

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