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| **Position Description** |

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| **Research only – Research Fellow** | |
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| **Position No:** |  |
| **Department:** | La Trobe Sport and Exercise Medicine Research Centre |
| **School:** | School of Allied Health |
| **Campus/Location:** | Bundoora |
| **Classification:** | LEVEL B – Research Fellow |
| **Employment Type:** | Part-time (0.8) or Full-time, fixed term (2 years) |
| **Position Supervisor:**  **Number:** | Prof Kay Crossley  86022 |
| **Other Benefits:** | <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/jobs/working/benefits> |

Further information about:

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

School of Allied Health – http://www.latrobe.edu.au/school-allied-health

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**Level B – Research Fellow**

A Level B research only academic is expected to carry out independent and/or team research within the relevant field and carry out activities to develop their research expertise relevant to the particular field of research.

**Position Context**

The position is located in the La Trobe Sport and Exercise Medicine Research Centre within the School of Allied Health in the College of Science, Health and Engineering. The position is a 2 year fixed term research appointment. The research focus of the Centre is to increase sport and exercise medicine knowledge through excellent collaborative research and translate knowledge to policy, practice, participation, health and well-being.

**This position requires an enthusiastic clinician researcher, with experience and expertise in knee-related research. A key role in this position would be to assist in setting up, and conducting our running and knee osteoarthritis project. The position also involves assisting with other research within our centre, including data analysis, literature reviews, and manuscript preparation.**

**Duties at this level may include:**

* Conduct and publish, or otherwise disseminate high quality and/or high impact research as a member of a team or independently and produce conference/seminar papers and publications from that research.
* Contribute to writing up research findings for publication and dissemination.
* Contribute to the preparation or, where appropriate, individual preparation of research proposal submissions to external funding sources.
* Engage with industry and community to ensure that all research results are communicated and adopted by industry, community and/or government.
* Co-supervise or, where appropriate supervise Higher Degree by Research (HDR) postgraduate students as required.
* Supervise research support staff involved in the staff member's research.
* Develop a limited amount of research related material for teaching or other purposes.
* Contribute to a robust and ambitious research culture.
* Contribute to the activities of the La Trobe Sport and Exercise Medicine Research Centre, as agreed with the supervisor and as consistent with the requirements of any external contracts relating to funding of the position.
* Attend to effective and efficient performance of allocated leadership and administrative functions primarily connected with the area of research.
* Serve on committees at the School or Program level and contribute to committees at the Department/School or College level as required.
* Involvement in continuing education for the profession or the community.
* Contribute to building relationships at local and national level.
* Undertake other duties commensurate with the classification and scope of the position as required by the Director of the La Trobe Sport and Exercise Medicine Research Centre.

**Key Selection Criteria**

* Completion of a PhD or equivalent qualifications or research experience in an area related to sport and exercise medicine, in particular knee-related research. Applicants with qualifications in a range of disciplines will be considered (e.g., physiotherapy, podiatry, exercise science, biomechanics, anatomy and physiology, medicine).
* A record of publications, conference papers and/or reports, or professional or technical contributions which provide evidence of strong research potential.
* Demonstrated ability to supervise, or co-supervise, Honours, Masters and/or PhD students.
* Sound analytical skills with an ability to communicate complex information clearly both orally and in writing.
* High level organisational skills: the ability to set priorities, meet deadlines, initiate and follow-up actions, all with minimal or no supervision.
* Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively and productively with staff and students from a diverse range of backgrounds.
* Ability to liaise effectively with a range of collaborators nationally and/or internationally and with industry partners.
* Evidence of the ability to work as a member of a team in a co-operative and collegial manner.
* Demonstrated high level of self-motivation and personal management skills.

**DESIRABLE**

* Knowledge of, and experience with movement analysis equipment (specifically VICON, Force plates, EMG systems).
* Knowledge of, and experience with processing and analysing movement analysis data, including preparing these data for presentations and publications
* Experience with recruiting clinical populations (e.g. people with knee pain) for clinical studies.
* Completion of a Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) in physiotherapy or other health sciences (e.g. podiatry, nursing), and evidence of participation in higher level study relevant to discipline or professional area
* Currently registered to practice with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
* Experience with dissemination of knowledge to clinicians/professionals and/or the general public
* Experience in the preparation of research proposal submissions to external funding bodies and evidence of success in securing research funding.

**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.

**Essential Compliance Requirements**

To hold this La Trobe University position the occupant must:

* hold, or be willing to undertake and pass, a Victorian Working With Children Check; AND
* take personal accountability to comply with all University policies, procedures and legislative or regulatory obligations; including but not limited to TEQSA and the Higher Education Threshold Standards.

**La Trobe Cultural Qualities**

Our cultural qualities underpin everything we do. As we work towards realising the strategic goals of the University we strive to work in a way which is aligned to our four cultural qualities:

* We are***Connected****:* We connect to the world outside — the students and communities we serve, both locally and globally.
* *We are* ***Innovative****:* We tackle the big issues of our time to transform the lives of our students and society.
* *We are* ***Accountable:*** We strive for excellence in everything we do. We hold each other and ourselves to account, and work to the highest standard.
* *We* ***Care:*** We care about what we do and why we do it. We believe in the power of education and research to transform lives and global society. We care about being the difference in the lives of our students and communities.

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