



# **LECTURER**

**DEPARTMENT/UNIT**Nutrition and Dietetics, School of Clinical Sciences at Monash

Health

FACULTY/DIVISION Faculty of Medicine Nursing and Health Sciences

**CLASSIFICATION** Level B

WORK LOCATION Notting Hill

## **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 <a href="https://www.monash.edu">www.monash.edu</a>.

The **Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences**, is the largest faculty at Monash University, and offers the most comprehensive suite of professional health training in Victoria. We consistently rank in the top 40 universities worldwide for clinical, pre-clinical and health sciences.

We want to improve the human condition. That is our vision - it has no expiration date. Through academic health centres, other translational models and by educating the healthcare workforce of the future, our staff, students and alumni directly improve quality of life.

Setting the global health care agenda, the Faculty aspires to lead in all areas of research activity and influence local, national and international policy to improve health and social outcomes and health inequalities. We've made a major impact in the world of medical research and become globally recognised for our quality education of over 41,000 doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals.

We are ambitious and aim to maintain our position as a leading international medical research university. We're recognised for the breadth and depth of our research, for our commitment to translational research, for the quality and scale of our research capability, and as a thriving biotechnology hub.

To learn more about the faculty, please visit monash.edu/medicine.

The **School of Clinical Sciences at Monash Health** (SCS) is one of the nine schools of the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash University, and is now the third largest school within the Faculty and its largest clinical school. Most of the research and teaching activities of the School are based near the main university campus, at Monash Medical Centre (MMC) Clayton. Monash Medical Centre is the major tertiary referral hospital for Monash Health, which serves a population of over 1.5 million people and is Monash University's largest hospital partner. The School's annual budget is in excess of \$80M. In typical years, total research income received through the School is approximately \$30M.

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The School of Clinical Sciences at Monash Health is a major teaching resource for Monash medical students. The School is Monash's largest deliverer of clinical teaching in the undergraduate medical student curriculum, providing 50% of total clinical placements across multiple disciplines and sites. Medical student teaching is coordinated by the Directorate of Undergraduate Medical Education. Teaching activities also extend to a number of other Monash Health sites including Dandenong, Casey, Moorabbin Hospital, and Monash Health's Kingston Centre. The school also has established links with other parts of the Faculty and other Monash faculties including the Be Active Sleep Eat (BASE) facility, located at the Notting Hill campus, where the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food is located.

Basic, clinical, and translation research are undertaken by the clinical departments of the School: Medicine, Nutrition, Dietetics & Food, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Psychiatry, Surgery and their five associated University Research Centres. The Department of Imaging was recently created and joined SCS in mid-2015. In addition, the Hudson Institute of Medical Research (formerly MIMR-PHI Institute of Medical Research) now represents its association with Monash University by its staff and students comprising the Department of Molecular Translational Science within the School of Clinical Sciences. Researchers of the School collaborate closely with relevant clinical areas in Monash Health and many of the School's principal investigators are leaders in the health service who are clinician-scientists. The School has a strong tradition of training in this area, including what is believed to be the largest number of clinicians enrolled in higher degrees by research of any teaching hospital school in Australia. SCS researchers are responsible 20-25% of Monash University's NHMRC-funded research activity.

The **Department of Nutrition and Dietetics** is ideally placed to undertake practice based research. Staff members form a multi-disciplinary team who work together to enhance the student learning experience and also provide a rich opportunity to undertake research across a range of areas.

The **Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food** has expanded rapidly since its inauguration in 2009. Its course offerings including a three-year undergraduate program in Nutrition Science which is the first international course to be accredited by the Association for Nutrition and a Masters of Dietetics course, accredited by the Dietitians Association of Australia. Pathways for UG students to higher degree include undertaking an Honours degree of the Bachelor of Nutrition, which is a full-time, one-year research-intensive program. In 2017, the Department had 22 PhD students enrolled and is currently connected to the Food & Dairy Graduate Research Industry Partnership: <a href="https://www.monash.edu/fdgrip">https://www.monash.edu/fdgrip</a> and the Monash Food Innovation Centre. The Department also runs a range of professional development short-courses.

Administered within the School of Clinical Sciences at Monash Health, and operating from its own headquarters at the Be Active Sleep Eat (BASE) facility, the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food (<a href="http://www.med.monash.edu.au/scs/nutrition-dietetics/">http://www.med.monash.edu.au/scs/nutrition-dietetics/</a>) is on a trajectory to be the leading academic department in this discipline in Australia. Staff members form a multi-disciplinary team who work together to enhance the student learning experience and provide a rich opportunity to undertake research across a range of areas including practice, industry and translational research projects.

The Department has a wide range of interests in nutrition, dietetics and food research with expertise stretching across the lifespan from infants through to the elderly. There are four research themes: Clinical Nutrition; Metabolism; Public Health, and Teaching & Learning. Research projects and consultancies are undertaken by staff.

Teaching and research is conducted both at the Clayton Campus and Notting Hill. The department has a wide range of interests in nutrition, dietetics and food with expertise across the lifespan from infants through to the elderly. A range of research projects are conducted in the Department. Research based higher degrees are available with staff offering supervision and mentoring to post graduate students, and research projects and consultancies are undertaken at both government and non-government levels.

Further details may be found at: http://www.med.monash.edu.au/scs/nutrition-dietetics/.

# **POSITION PURPOSE**

A Level B academic is expected to make contributions to the teaching effort of the university and to carry out activities to maintain and develop their scholarly, research and/or professional activities relevant to the profession or discipline.

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Reporting Line: The position reports to the Head of Department, Nutrition, Dietetics and Food

Supervisory Responsibilities: Not applicable

Financial Delegation: Not applicable

Budget Responsibilities: Not applicable

#### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

Specific duties required of a Level B academic may include:

- 1. The conduct of tutorials, practical classes, demonstrations, workshops, student field excursions, clinical sessions and/or studio sessions
- 2. Initiation and development of subject material
- 3. Acting as subject coordinators; the preparation and delivery of lectures and seminars
- 4. Supervision of the program of study of honours students or of postgraduate students engaged in course work
- 5. Supervision of major honours or postgraduate research projects
- **6.** The conduct of research
- 7. Involvement in professional activity
- 8. Development of course material with appropriate advice from and support of more senior staff
- 9. Marking and assessment
- 10. Consultation with students
- **11.** A range of administrative functions the majority of which are connected with the subjects in which the academic teaches
- 12. Attendance at departmental, school and/or faculty meetings and/or membership of a number of committees

# **KEY SELECTION CRITERIA**

# **Education/Qualifications**

- 1. The appointee will have:
  - A doctoral qualification in the relevant discipline area (biochemistry, nutritional biochemistry) or related subject area; and
  - accreditation or eligibility for accreditation as an Accredited Practicing Dietitian by the Dietitians
    Association of Australia and/or have or be eligible to become a Registered Nutritionist with the
    Association for Nutrition in the UK

#### **Knowledge and Skills**

- **2.** Possess a high level of interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team across both the education and service sectors
- **3.** Demonstrated statistical analysis and manuscript preparation skills; including developing a solid track record of refereed research publications
- **4.** Ability to work positively and cooperatively with students, internal and external teams and external organisations
- 5. Demonstrated strong record of teaching experience in a tertiary environment
- 6. Demonstrated ability to motivate, actively engage and educate a given audience
- 7. Demonstrated experience in curriculum and subject material development
- 8. Proven ability, commitment and passion for engaging in scholarly and research activities
- 9. A demonstrated capacity to work in a collegiate manner with other staff in the workplace

### 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
- A current satisfactory Police Records 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.