



# SENIOR LECTURER – URBAN PLANNING & DESIGN

**DEPARTMENT/UNIT** Department of Architecture

**FACULTY/DIVISION** Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture

**CLASSIFICATION** Level C

WORK LOCATION Caulfield campus

#### ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

Everyone needs a platform to launch a satisfying career. At Monash, we give you the space and support to take your career in all kinds of exciting new directions. You'll have access to quality research, infrastructure and learning facilities, opportunities to collaborate internationally, as well as the grants you'll need to publish your work. We're a university full of energetic and enthusiastic minds, driven to challenge what's expected, expand what we know, and learn from other inspiring, empowering thinkers. Discover more at <a href="https://www.monash.edu">www.monash.edu</a>.

#### The Faculty of Art, Design & Architecture

In Melbourne, art, design, architecture and planning are leading influences on the city's internationally-recognised cultural dynamism. Within this rich milieu, Monash Art Design & Architecture (MADA) is a vibrant centre of rigorous creative practice integrated with traditional scholarship. MADA advocates the essential role of its disciplines in proposing and developing models for future communities that are culturally enriched and environmentally sustainable.

To learn more about MADA, please visit our website: www.monash.edu/mada.

In 2018, MADA introduced a Master of Urban Planning & Design (MUPD). MUPD joins a suite of outstanding academic programs at MADA that strive to be relevant to contemporary global issues and sensitive to regional contexts. MADA encourages connections between art, design, architecture, and urban planning through research and teaching, as well as integrating with other disciplines to solve societal challenges. The MUPD course expands traditional planning education to include integrative design approaches that can develop the important skills required for planners to meet the future city's cultural, economic and climatic challenges.

The discipline is located in the **Department of Architecture**, an internationally networked, creative community of practitioners, educators and researchers engaged with the shifting landscapes of the discipline. It also maintains strong connections with other urban thinkers in faculties and research centres across Monash University, including the Cooperative Research Centre for Water Sensitive Cities, the Monash Sustainability Institute and the Monash Infrastructure Institute. The course is locally and internationally networked with a broad community of practitioners, educators and researchers, with students drawn from many disciplines and backgrounds.

#### Monash Urban Lab

The Monash Urban Lab is located in the Department of Architecture at Monash University. The Lab distinguishes itself through its unique integration of design and urban planning research. Lab research combines multi-scalar architectural design investigations with policy studies focussed on transitioning to sustainable and equitable communities. We draw on our strengths within MADA, across campus, and with Australian and international partners to support applied research solutions to community, government, and industry challenges.

The Lab pursues three integrated research areas which are each underpinned by a commitment to achieving social justice and environmental sustainability:

- 1. Sustainable and Inclusive Cities
  - Housing form and typology integrated with housing policy research
  - Suburban intensification that explores strategic infill, suburban retrofit and new suburban typologies.
  - Community engagement with a commitment to under-represented constituencies
- 2. Urban Infrastructure Systems
  - Water sensitive urban design and regeneration
  - Hybrid natural and built systems
  - Re-industrialisation
- 3. Visualising Urban Futures
  - Visioning future urban scenarios
  - Urban data analytics
  - Critical inquiry around 'smart city' data applications in urban planning and design

The Lab is staffed by academics who are architects, urban designers and urban planners.

#### **POSITION PURPOSE**

The Senior Lecturer in Urban Planning and Design will strive to achieve more inclusive and sustainable cities through applied research, teaching, and professional engagement. The individual will be expected to contribute to teaching within the Master of Urban Planning and Design as well as establish and lead multidisciplinary research projects in one or more of the thematic areas of the Monash Urban Lab. The role will also maintain a public profile within academic and practitioner communities.

Reporting Line: The position reports to the Director, Urban Planning & Design

Supervisory Responsibilities: Not applicable

Financial Delegation: Not applicable

Budget Responsibilities: Not applicable

# **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 1. Develop, oversee and administer the delivery of high-quality research projects for the Urban Lab
- 2. Conduct original research that will lead to publications in refereed journals and attract industry and government project funding
- **3.** Build and sustain partnerships, collaborations and networks with clients, relevant research bodies and service providers on behalf of the Monash Urban Lab and Urban Planning & Design program
- **4.** Consultation with students and supervision of students
- **5.** Undertake unit development and teaching in urban planning and design, including the conduct of projects, study units, tutorials, lectures, seminars, workshops, and/or student field excursions
- 6. Attendance at departmental, school and/or faculty meetings and a role in planning or committee work

# **KEY SELECTION CRITERIA**

#### **Education/Qualifications**

- **1.** The appointee will have:
  - The incumbent should possess a research doctorate or equivalent higher degree in urban planning, urban design, geography, or related discipline and relevant industry experience

# **Knowledge and Skills**

- 2. An understanding of the discipline of urban planning and the role of the tertiary institution in preparing planners for industry needs, while also contributing to critical discourse
- **3.** A record of research excellence in urban studies, evidenced through relevant research grants and publications, project outcomes and professional esteem
- **4.** Demonstrated project management skills, with a proven record of successfully supporting projects through to completion
- **5.** Demonstrated ability to collaborate across disciplines and professional communities and to broker linkages with industry, government and or other communities and administrative activities and tasks
- **6.** A high-level of interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to work independently and collegiately, across both the academic and professional service sectors of the university
- **7.** Commitment to high-quality education including a demonstrated strong record of teaching excellence in a tertiary environment, ideally with experience in course development

#### 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 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.