

Position Description

Associate Professor in Environmental and Urban Health

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Faculty / Division: Medicine
School / Unit: Public Health & Community Medicine
Position Level: Level D

ORGANISATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

UNSW is currently implementing a ten-year strategy to 2025 and our ambition for the next decade is nothing less than to establish UNSW as Australia's global university. We aspire to this in the belief that a great university, which is a global leader in discovery, innovation, impact, education and thought leadership, can make an enormous difference to the lives of people in Australia and around the world.

Following extensive consultation in 2015, we identified three strategic priority areas. Firstly, a drive for academic excellence in research and education. Universities are often classified as 'research intensive' or 'teaching intensive'. UNSW is proud to be an exemplar of both. We are amongst a limited group of universities worldwide capable of delivering research excellence alongside the highest quality education on a large scale. Secondly, a passion for social engagement, which improves lives through advancing equality, diversity, open debate and economic progress. Thirdly, a commitment to achieving global impact through sharing our capability in research and education in the highest quality partnerships with institutions in both developed and emerging societies. We regard the interplay of academic excellence, social engagement and global impact as the hallmarks of a great forward-looking 21st century university.

To achieve this ambition we are attracting the very best academic and professional staff to play leadership roles in our organisation.

UNSW BEHAVIOURS

UNSW recognises the role of employees in driving a high-performance culture. The behavioural expectations for UNSW are below.



Delivers high performance and demonstrates service excellence.



Thinks creatively and develops new ways of working. Initiates and embraces change.



Works effectively within and across teams. Builds relationships with internal and external stakeholders to deliver on outcomes.



Values individual differences and contributions of all people and promotes inclusion.

Treats others with dignity and empathy. Communicates with integrity and openness.

OVERVIEW OF RELEVANT AREA AND POSITION SUMMARY

UNSW Medicine is a national leader in learning, teaching and research, with close affiliations to a number of Australia's finest hospitals, research institutes and health care organisations. With a strong presence at UNSW Kensington campus, the faculty have staff and students in teaching hospitals in Sydney as well as regional and rural areas of NSW including Albury/Wodonga, Wagga Wagga, Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie.

The School of Public Health and Community Medicine (SPHCM) is internationally recognised as a leader in Public Health with research strengths in Health Systems Research, Adolescent Health, Healthy Ageing, Infection and Immunity, Environmental Health, Global Health, Indigenous Health and Primary Health Care. Our work generates new knowledge to help inform policy, governance, organisation, work and leadership in the health sector through cross disciplinary research with both academia and industry. The School also has strong associations with research centres and institutes throughout UNSW.

The Associate Professor – Environmental and Urban Health will take a leadership role in teaching in the subject area of Environmental/Urban Health, as well as other areas of postgraduate and undergraduate teaching.

The Associate Professor – Environmental and Urban Health will be an established independent researcher and will be expected to actively advance their research profile and build a research team, through publications in peer reviewed journals, applications for competitive funding, higher degree student supervision and contributions to academic administrative functions in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine.

The role of Associate Professor - Environmental and Urban Health reports to the Head of School and has two direct reports.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific responsibilities for the role include (but not limited to):

- Lead teaching and convening of courses in undergraduate and postgraduate programs, with a focus on Environmental and Urban Health, and public health courses. Teaching requires a combination of face-to-face, external and online teaching and course co-ordination.
- Provide leadership in curriculum and course development in environmental/urban health and public health course/s and specialisations
- Provide primary supervision of undergraduate students in Independent Learning Projects and higher degree students in Masters, PhD and DrPH research projects.
- Take a leading role in attracting category 1 and industry grants and research collaborations within the School and its associated centres and at national and international levels.
- Transfer research and development findings through presentations, publications, refereed articles, journal papers, educational bulletins and information systems.

- Lead strategic marketing and promotion of public health courses and degrees offered at UNSW and to proactively seek opportunities for marketing and promotion
- Lead student feedback and evaluation and continual improvement of teaching
- Take a leading role in teaching and research development and governance activities at the School, Faculty and University levels.
- Maintain relationships with stakeholders internal to UNSW and external (e.g. Commonwealth and State Governments, collaborating Universities, Divisions and International Organisations).
- Play a leadership and mentoring role in School and Faculty activities and committees.
- Cooperate with all health and safety policies and procedures of the university and take all reasonable care to ensure that your actions or omissions do not impact on the health and safety of yourself or others

SELECTION CRITERIA

- PhD degree in Environmental Health, Epidemiology, Public Health, urban planning; social geography; environmental psychology or related discipline
- Demonstrated experience in delivery of high-quality postgraduate teaching and curriculum development, including teaching in Public Health courses at tertiary level
- A significant track record in peer-reviewed publications and grant success in the field of environmental or urban health, including from Category 1 funding sources
- Ability to work independently in a goal-directed manner yet collaboratively with other staff and external providers
- Excellent communication, organisation and presentation skills
- Knowledge of health and safety responsibilities and commitment to attending relevant health and safety training

PRE EMPLOYMENT CHECKS REQUIRED FOR THIS POSITION

- Verification of Qualifications

It is not the intention of the position description to limit the scope or accountabilities of the position but to highlight the most important aspects of the position. The aspects mentioned above may be altered in accordance with the changing requirements of the role.