

Pasture Feedbase Senior Research Fellow

College/Division	College of Sciences and Engineering
School/Section	Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture – Livestock Production Centre
Location	Burnie
Classification	Academic Level C
Reporting line	Livestock Production Centre Leader

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 cultural 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.

We are seeking to appoint a Pasture Feedbase Senior Research Fellow within the [Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture](#), which is part of [the College of Sciences and Engineering](#).

The Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA) delivers world leading research, industry development, extension and education programs with strong links to key stakeholders in industry and through its Joint Venture with the Tasmanian Government. The mission of TIA is to enable Tasmanian food producers and processors to accelerate primary sector productivity while maintaining and improving Tasmania's land and water quality for future generations.

The Livestock Production Centre in TIA focuses on research, development and training programs that promote Tasmania as the global leader in profitable, environmentally sustainable, and ethical grass-fed livestock production. We work closely with key stakeholders in the generation and transfer of new knowledge and existing best practice directly to livestock producers.

The incumbent will be responsible for leading the Livestock Production Centre's research in the sustainable use of inputs for our temperate pasture-based livestock industries. As part of the Centres leadership team, the incumbent will also be required to contribute to the strategic direction of the Centre. Additionally, the position will be required to supervise honours and research higher degree students and to build upon their research track record to contribute to the research productivity of TIA through scholarly publications, research grants and external partnerships. The workload allocation of this position is research focused.

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 a substantial and sustained contribution to the University in achieving its strategic objectives and fulfilling its operational responsibilities.
- Lead a program of high-quality research of international standing including supervising a team of researchers and technical staff, securing external competitive and other funding, publishing research findings and successfully supervising research higher degree students to completion, in pasture and forage science, in order to meet and regularly exceed the University's research performance expectations.



- Provide academic leadership, particularly in fostering outstanding research and/or learning and teaching.
- Provide scientific extension advice to clients and stakeholders through publications, technical reports and presentations at field days, conferences and meetings relevant to pasture and forage science and associated fields.
- Lead the development and maintenance of productive and effective links inside the University and locally and nationally with 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 in a relevant field.
- A strong and continuing commitment to a research portfolio that has achieved national and international recognition and made notable contributions to pasture and forage science, demonstrated by a record of quality publications, presentations at conferences and success in securing external competitive and other funding.
- A sound knowledge of and experience with pasture based ruminant livestock production systems with a focus on dairy.
- Experience designing projects and working with industry stakeholders to lead pasture-based research.
- A strong record of independently building and maintaining effective and productive links locally and nationally with the discipline, profession, industry and wider community.
- Demonstrated experience in supervision of research higher degree students.
- High level communication and interpersonal skills including experience and proven ability to communicate effectively with a range of stakeholders, research specialists and organisations.

Other position requirements

- Capacity to participate in interdisciplinary teaching and research extension.
- Regular travel between campuses may be required to deliver research outcomes.
- A current Australian driver's licence.

University of Tasmania

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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The intention of this position description is to highlight the most important aspects, rather than to limit the scope or accountabilities of this role. Duties above may be altered in accordance with the changing requirements of the position.

