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Position Description

College/Division:	ANU College of Health and Medicine
Faculty/School/Centre:	ANU Medical School
Department/Unit:	
Position Title:	Senior Lecturer in Social Foundations in Medicine
Classification:	ANU Academic Level C
Position No:	
Responsible to:	Discipline Lead, Social Foundations in Medicine
Positions reporting to this role:	Nil
Delegation(s) Assigned:	Nil

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

The [ANU Medical School](#) educates and develops medical graduates who practise medicine with compassion, conscience and professional excellence and with a knowledge of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and culture. The School partners with a number of healthcare organisations to deliver clinical teaching and training including ACT Health, Calvary Healthcare ACT, and community practices throughout the ACT, south eastern region of NSW and in remote NT. The Medical School is committed to extending the boundaries of medical knowledge and improving the health system through research, and to providing students with a research led educational experience. Research is conducted over range of disciplines, spanning basic science, clinical medicine and implementation into policy and practice. Collaborations extend beyond ANU medical and health sciences, to other universities, governments and communities in the region as well as industry bodies, attracting national and international researchers and higher degree research candidates.

The Doctor of Medicine and Surgery, *Medicinae ac Chirurgiae Doctoranda* (MChD), Bachelor of Health Sciences and the Master of Culture, Health and Medicine are taught in Medical School, along with higher degree research programs. The Medical School is accredited by the Australian Medical Council which sets standards for education, training and assessment in all phases of medical education. Our Education Unit has a central role in ensuring integrity of the admissions processes, and provides academic leadership and administrative support for staff engaged in teaching, and for the students enrolled in our programs. We are committed to indigenous advancement, providing an indigenous admissions pathway, competitive access to a dedicated 'indigenous stream' of medical education, and through clinical placements in remote locations. The MChD rural stream provides access to medical education for students from rural locations, and rural learning experience for all students in the program.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITY AREAS:

Position Dimension & Relationships:

This position based within the ANU Medical School, which has established a special focus on teaching of social sciences to medical and health students, in integrated mode across the four years of the medical school, and in the Master of Culture Health and Medicine. The Master of Culture Health and Medicine is jointly taught by the School of Archeology and Anthropology, College of Arts and Social Sciences, and the Medical School, College of Health and Medicine. Social Foundations of Medicine has a robust inter-disciplinary doctoral program in the social sciences, medicine and health, involving other schools within the College, and the College of Arts and Social Sciences.

Role Statement:

Under broad supervision and direction of the Discipline Lead, Social Foundations of Medicine, the appointee will:

- Make a strong contribution to the teaching activities of the Master of Culture, Health and Medicine program. This includes, but is not limited to, the preparation and delivery of lectures, tutorials and seminars including the compulsory Qualitative Methods in Health Research course, marking and assessment and consultations with students;
- Coordination of courses within the Master of Culture, Health and Medicine, including the initiation and development of course material;
- Participation in the teaching program of the Social Foundations of Medicine program for graduate medical students;
- Supervision of students undertaking higher degrees by research, and of postgraduate students undertaking postgraduate research as part of the Master of Culture Health and Medicine students;

- Undertake high impact independent research, publishing original and innovative articles in pre-eminent general or first quartile specialist peer-reviewed journals. Present research at academic seminars and conferences and collaborate with other researchers at a national and/or international level with a significant role in research projects including, where appropriate, leadership of a research team and supervision and mentoring early career researchers;
- Actively seek and secure external funding by preparing research proposal submissions to external funding bodies and promotion of research links with outside bodies;
- Attendance at departmental meetings, meetings within and across Colleges as related to the growth of Social Foundations of Medicine, and contribution to membership of committees;
- Lead outreach activities to prospective students, research institutes, industry, government, the media and the public contributing to events and activities and the development of print and online information;
- Comply with all ANU policies and procedures and School governance and regulatory compliance, in particular those relating to work health and safety, equal opportunity, code of conduct and sustainable work practices; and
- Other duties as allocated by the supervisor or the Vice-Chancellor consistent with the classification of the position.

Note:

As a multi campus School all staff are required to hold a current driver's licence.

Skill Base

A **Level C Academic** will normally have advanced qualifications and/or recognised significant experience in the relevant discipline area. A position at this level will normally require a doctoral qualification or equivalent accreditation and standing. In determining experience relative to qualifications, regard shall be had to teaching experience, experience in research, experience outside tertiary education, creative achievement, professional contributions and/or to technical achievement. In addition, a position at this level will normally require a record of demonstrable scholarly and professional achievement in the relevant discipline area.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. A doctorate in a field involving sociology or anthropology, with a focus on medicine, public health or health.
2. Demonstrated track record of research and publication activity, and evidence of a continuing research agenda, in applied social sciences in medicine or public health.
3. Extensive experience in high quality teaching and assessment, including preparation and delivery of lectures and seminars at post-graduate level to graduates with limited social sciences background. Evidence of these skills in the form of documented teaching evaluations, curriculum review or course development will be an advantage.
4. Proven ability to supervise student research projects at the level of post-graduate coursework and higher degree by research.
5. Demonstrated ability to communicate and interact effectively with a variety of staff and students, and the ability to promote, develop and maintain strong collaborative relationships both nationally and internationally.
6. An interest or experience in developing coursework in intensive mode including blended teaching strategies and eLearning would be an advantage.
7. Proven ability to provide academic leadership, including leadership of teams/supervisor of staff/mentoring and development of colleagues to achieve goals.
8. Demonstrated ability to work collegially and respectfully as part of a team, meet deadlines and coordinate team activities, and to promote a positive culture within the workplace.
9. A demonstrated understanding of equal opportunity principles and a commitment to the application in a University context.

Delegate Signature:		Date:	23 March 2019
Printed Name:	Associate Professor Christine Phillips	Position:	Discipline Lead: Social Foundations of Medicine

References:

[Academic Minimum Standards](#)