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## Position Description

<b>College/Division:</b>	College of Arts and Social Sciences
<b>Faculty/School/Centre:</b>	Research School of Social Sciences
<b>Department/Unit:</b>	School of History
<b>Position Title:</b>	Research Fellow
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>Academic Level B</b>
<b>Position No:</b>	
<b>Responsible to:</b>	Professor Ann McGrath

### PURPOSE STATEMENT:

A **Level B Academic (Research Intensive)** is expected to carry out independent and/or team research within the field in which he/she is appointed and to carry out activities to develop his/her research expertise relevant to the particular field of research.

### KEY ACCOUNTABILITY AREAS:

#### Position Dimension & Relationships:

The Research School of Social Sciences at ANU (RSSS) provides a dynamic research environment; it undertakes research and education across several disciplines to the highest international levels. The School of History is seeking a highly capable and self-motivated Postdoctoral Research Fellow to work on the 2017 Kathleen Fitzpatrick Australian Laureate Fellowship for research on 'Rediscovering the Deep Human Past: Global Networks, Future Opportunities'. This project will launch an innovative research initiative, The Deep History Research Centre, an Australian-based international consortium in partnership with Harvard and Cambridge centres, which will make a significant impact on global scholarship. The appointee will be located in the School of History within RSSS.

This project aims to transform the scale and scope of history. Australia's epic Indigenous narratives will be analysed alongside relevant new scientific evidence, to create new approaches to the history of Greater Australia/Sahul. Fresh periodisations and understandings will reorient this history in its wider global context. Critiquing the evolution of disciplines, especially the world history/prehistory divide and the Cambridge training nexus, we will develop future-oriented transdisciplinary techniques for researching the deep human past. A key outcome of the project will be a website showcasing these studies.

The Postdoctoral Research Fellow will develop community relationships, work in the repatriation of cultural materials, follow up and progress community liaison arrangements and workshops, and develop and coordinate thematic National and International Symposia and publications. The Fellow will be required to develop a research program, work with the PhD students and organise new skills programs.

The ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS) is the largest single College of seven Colleges at ANU. The College, which is structured in two main research schools, offers degrees in more than 20 discipline areas and excels in research across the creative arts, humanities and social sciences. The College has a substantial international research presence and is a major source of national policy advice. Our academic staff are internationally recognised for their research, and 46 members of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, the Academy of the Social Sciences of Australia, or both. We also host 13 Australian Research Council Future Fellows and three ARC Laureates. A hub of vibrant activity, we host more than 100 lectures, concerts and exhibitions each year, most of which are open to the public. Our students, staff and graduates come from more than 60 nations, bringing a diversity of perspective to campus life.

### Application information:

In order to apply for this role please make sure that you upload the following documents:

- A statement addressing the selection criteria;

- A current curriculum vitae (CV) which includes the names and contact details of at least three referees (preferably including a current or previous supervisor). If your CV does not include referees you can complete these online when prompted in the application form;
- Other documents, if required.

Applications which do not address the selection criteria may not be considered for the position.

### Role Statement:

Specific duties required of a **Level B Academic** may include:

- the conduct of research either as a member of a team or independently, and the production of conference and seminar papers and publications from that research;
- supervision of research-support staff involved in the staff member's research;
- guidance in the research effort of junior members of research-only academic staff in his/her research area;
- involvement in professional activities including, subject to availability of funds, attendance at conferences and seminars in the field of expertise;
- administrative functions primarily connected with his/her area of research;
- occasional contributions in the teaching program within the field of the staff member's research;
- co-supervision, or where appropriate supervision, of major honours or postgraduate research projects within the field of the staff member's area of research;
- attendance at meetings associated with research or the work of the organisational unit to which the research is connected and/or departmental and/or faculty meetings and/or membership of a limited number of committees; and
- other duties as allocated by the supervisor or the Vice-Chancellor consistent with the classification of the position.

### Skill Base

A **Level B Academic** will normally have completed a relevant doctoral qualification or have equivalent qualifications or research experience.

In addition he/she may be expected to have had post-doctoral research experience that has resulted in publications, conference papers, reports or professional or technical contributions that give evidence of research ability.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. PhD in History or equivalent at the time of appointment.
2. Demonstrated capacity to pursue research at the highest levels of international scholarship in history preferably Australian Indigenous history and/or digital humanities.
3. Capacity to contribute to the intellectual life of the School of History.
4. Capacity to foster inclusive, respectful and productive working relationships with staff, students and colleagues at all levels.
5. A demonstrated high-level of understanding of equal opportunity principles and a commitment to the application of equal opportunity policies in a University context.

*The ANU conducts background checks on potential employees, and employment in this position is conditional on satisfactory results in accordance with the [Background Checking Procedure](#) which sets out the types of checks required by each type of position.*

Supervisor/Delegate Signature:		Date:	01/03/2023
Printed Name:	Ann McGrath	Position:	u4054197

### References:

[Professional Staff Classification Descriptors](#)

[Academic Minimum Standards](#)