



POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW IN CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNICATION

DEPARTMENT/UNIT	School of Media, Film & Journalism
FACULTY/DIVISION	Arts
CLASSIFICATION	Level B
DESIGNATED CAMPUS OR LOCATION	Caulfield campus

ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

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The advertised position is with the **Monash Climate Change Communication Research Hub (MCCCRH)**, which is located within the **School of Media, Film and Journalism**. Based on the Caulfield campus, the MCCCRH was formed in 2017 and its staff conducts research into effective communication of climate science and impacts to deliver climate change literacy programs throughout Australia. To learn more, please visit our website: www.monash.edu/mcccrh.

The School in which MCCCRH is located also has a wide network of national and international connections, and engages in international research collaborations.

POSITION PURPOSE

A Level B research-focussed academic is expected to carry out independent and/or team research within the field in which they are appointed and to carry out activities to develop their research expertise relevant to the particular field of research.

This postdoctoral research appointment will develop and complete a three-year research project of analysis of the media reporting of climate change in Australia. This will involve analysing and coding thousands of media texts that report on extreme weather and climate change policy over the past 20 years. A mixture of manual and automated coding will be used to establish a rigorous methodology for detecting climate misinformation, climate denial and forms of framing climate change as an issue. The appointee will be required to analyse findings, write up reports and producing scholarly publications from this research. The appointee will also leverage this research to inform best practice approaches to MCCRHR communication projects across television, radio, newspaper, social media and online apps.

This project forms part of a wider team-based applied research program that delivers a wide range of climate information from trusted sources, including weather bulletins, newspaper columns, segments of weather apps, documentaries and social media.

Answering to MCCRHR Director, Dr. David Holmes, the successful applicant will display initiative and independence in building, managing and delivering the project. Some involvement in teaching is expected as part of this appointment.

Reporting Line: The position reports to the Director, Monash Climate Change Communication Research Hub, School of Media, Film and Journalism

Supervisory Responsibilities: Not applicable

Financial Delegation: Not applicable

Budgetary Responsibilities: Not applicable

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific duties required of a Level B research-focussed academic may include:

1. The conduct of research either as a member of a team or independently, and the production of publications (journal articles, book chapters and monographs) from that research
2. Contribution to the preparation or, where appropriate, individual preparation of research proposal submissions to external funding bodies
3. Involvement in professional activities including, subject to availability of funds, attendance at conferences and seminars in the field of expertise
4. Administrative functions primarily connected with their area of research
5. Contributions to the teaching program within the field of the staff member's research
6. Co-supervision or, where appropriate, supervision of major honours or masters-by-coursework research projects within the field of the staff member's area of expertise
7. Attendance at meetings associated with research or the work of the organisational unit to which the research is connected and/or at departmental, school and/or faculty meetings and/or membership of a limited number of committees
8. Other duties as directed from time to time

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Education/Qualifications

1. The appointee will have:
 - a doctoral qualification in the relevant discipline area

Knowledge and Skills

2. Knowledge of theories, concepts and research methods relevant to the proposed project, especially textual analysis of climate misinformation.
3. A track record in research, as evidenced by scholarly publications, and the development of strategies for gaining funding or other support for research
4. A record of successful teaching and course development in a tertiary environment
5. The potential to contribute to successful Honours and Masters-by-Coursework supervision
6. The ability to work positively and cooperatively with students, colleagues, and internal and external teams

OTHER JOB RELATED INFORMATION

- Travel to other campuses of the University may be required
- There may be a requirement to work additional hours from time to time
- There may be peak periods of work during which taking of leave may be restricted
- A current satisfactory Working With Children Check is required

GOVERNANCE

Monash University expects staff to appropriately balance risk and reward in a manner that is sustainable to its long-term future, contribute to a culture of honesty and integrity, and provide an environment that is safe, secure and inclusive. Ensure you are aware of and adhere to University policies relevant to the duties undertaken and the values of the University. This is a standard which the University sees as the benchmark for all of its activities in Australia and internationally.