



# PROFESSOR OF NEWS AND POLITICAL COMMUNICATION

<b>DEPARTMENT/UNIT</b>	School of Media, Film & Journalism
<b>FACULTY/DIVISION</b>	Faculty of Arts
<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	Level E (Full Professor)
<b>DESIGNATED CAMPUS OR LOCATION</b>	Caulfield campus

## ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

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Monash is full of thinkers and doers who are looking for their next challenge. So if you've forged a rewarding career so far, this role provides the perfect platform to join us. You'll have access to quality research facilities, infrastructure and teaching spaces to do exciting work, along with opportunities to collaborate internationally. You'll be part of a university that's made up of inspirational, challenging thinkers and doers – and continue doing work that makes a lasting impact. Discover more at [www.monash.edu](http://www.monash.edu).

Monash Arts is one of the largest, most diverse and dynamic arts faculties in Australia, with particular strengths in the humanities, performing arts, languages and social sciences. We encourage the development of innovative studies that operate at the intersection of traditional academic disciplines. The Faculty delivers programs via six schools and across five campuses, both in Australia and offshore, with courses ranging from undergraduate diplomas and degrees through to postgraduate coursework and research degrees. Monash Arts is justly proud of the research capacity of its staff, who work at the cutting edge in their fields and carry this expertise and enthusiasm into their teaching. To learn more about Monash Arts, please visit our website: [www.monash.edu/arts](http://www.monash.edu/arts).

The position is located within the School of Media, Film and Journalism (MFJ). Based on the Caulfield campus, the School was formed in 2014 and its staff conducts research in media studies, communications studies, cultural studies, journalism, film theory and criticism, media practice and related interdisciplinary fields. The School offers programs and teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. One of its key teaching strengths is the blending of critical enquiry with practical and professional experiences, providing students with skills and understandings to explore – and address – vital issues of the media today. The School houses a number of active interdisciplinary research units, has a wide network of national and international connections, and engages in international research collaborations. It is home to a professional media environment - the Monash Media Lab, a spectacular state-of-the-art facility which boasts two radio and sound production studios with a control-room/audio production and teaching suites; an open-plan newsroom; editing suites; a broadcast TV and video production studio; a TV control room; and two teaching laboratories. To learn more about the School of Media, Film and Journalism, please visit our website: [www.monash.edu/arts/media-film-journalism/home](http://www.monash.edu/arts/media-film-journalism/home).

The Monash Journalism and Media Innovation Program is one of the most dynamic in Australia. One of the key strengths of Monash Journalism is its foundational teaching of both the practice of journalism (print, broadcasting and podcasting, photojournalism and digital) and the study of journalism. The Program teaches a diverse range of undergraduate and Master-by-Coursework students and also supports the award-winning and student run MOJO News. Staff in the Program participate in a range of cross-School Research Centres and Groups, all which all work to forge significant research collaborations across the Faculty of Arts and the University. Centres and Groups include Journalism & Political Communication; Media, Culture & Society; and Environment and Media.

## POSITION PURPOSE

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A Level E academic is expected to exercise a special responsibility in providing leadership and in fostering excellence in research, teaching, professional activities and policy development in the academic discipline within the department or other comparable organisational unit, within the University and within the community, both scholarly and general.

This Level E position will play a leading role in the School Executive in Media, Film & Journalism. This includes an ability to bring innovative teaching methods and concepts into the classroom and increase the School's research capacity on the broad themes of journalism, media and social/technological change. In line with the Monash *Impact 2030* Strategic Plan, the appointment will be expected to work across the Arts Faculty and wider University in developing research projects related to dis- and mis-information, online content moderation; censorship; digital/data journalism; and media politics and policy. Collaboration with relevant industry, government and community organisations is also expected across teaching and research innovation.

**Reporting Line:** The position reports to the Head of School

**Supervisory Responsibilities:** Not applicable

**Financial Delegation:** Not applicable

**Budgetary Responsibilities:** Not applicable

## KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

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Specific duties required of a Level E academic may include:

1. Actively engage in a specialist research area in line with the Faculty and University research strategy, by maintaining a substantial active publications record (high-quality refereed journals) and supervising and mentoring early career researchers and research students
2. Foster research excellence through procuring competitive research grants, leading significant research projects and working with other staff to develop research links
3. Provide strong and committed leadership in teaching, curriculum development and research training by participating in the Faculty's curriculum planning and development processes, academic committees, and relevant examination processes in addition to monitoring the quality of individual teaching in the relevant discipline
4. Provide innovative and effective leadership for the expansion of the Faculty's HDR program by attracting high quality HDR students
5. Contribute to academic and administrative leadership within the Faculty by participating in the development of policy and strategy
6. Maintain and broaden collaborative partnerships with relevant faculties and departments/schools within the University and community
7. Maintain and broaden collaborative partnerships with external agencies both nationally and internationally, making a significant contribution to the profession
8. Actively contribute to partnering with industry and diversifying funding avenues
9. Other duties as directed from time to time

## KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

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### Education/Qualifications

1. The appointee will have:

- A doctoral qualification, or equivalent accreditation and standing, and recognised as a leading authority in the relevant discipline.

### Knowledge and Skills

2. Evidence of outstanding scholarly publications of an international standard in Journalism, Media Studies and/or Political Communication, and a demonstrated ongoing commitment to one or more programs of research
3. Demonstrated ability to generate research income (both individually and in teams), including from traditional and industry-based sources of research funding
4. A demonstrated record of mentoring of early career researchers to achieve career advancement and/or funding success
5. Record of successful supervision of postgraduate research students and the ability to make a significant contribution to postgraduate training programs in Journalism
6. Proven excellence in teaching (at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels)
7. Proven professional leadership qualities and a capacity for School level administrative responsibilities, including Head of Program
8. Evidence of sustained relationships with (industry, business, government agencies, professional bodies)

## OTHER JOB RELATED INFORMATION

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- 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

## GOVERNANCE

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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.