

Position Description

Research Officer

Position No:

Department: Centre for Freshwater Ecosystems

School: Life Sciences

Campus/Location: Albury-Wodonga

Classification: Level A – Research Officer

Employment Type: Fixed term, Full time

Position Supervisor: Centre Director
Number: 50039704

Other Benefits: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/jobs/working/benefits>

Further information about:

La Trobe University - <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/about>

College of Science, Health and Engineering – <http://latrobe.edu.au/she>

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A Level A research only academic is expected to contribute towards the research effort of the institution and to develop their research expertise through the pursuit of defined projects relevant to either hydrology and/or ecology of river, wetland or floodplain ecosystems.

Position Context

This position will provide the successful applicant with an exciting opportunity to work within the Research Centre for Freshwater Ecosystems, School of Life Sciences at La Trobe University at the Albury-Wodonga campus, as a member of the School's dedicated freshwater ecology research team.

The Centre for Freshwater Ecosystems (CFE) is one of 7 Research Centre's within the School of Life Sciences. The Centre brings together a broad range of expertise to undertake both basic and applied research, with a strong emphasis on contributing to the sustainable management of freshwater ecosystems.

The School of Life Sciences sits within in the College of Science, Health and Engineering (SHE), has research labs operating across the Albury-Wodonga and Melbourne campus of La Trobe University, comprises 9 Schools, 16 Departments and 7 Research Centres across La Trobe's multi-campus operations.

Duties at this level may include:

- Conduct and publish, or otherwise disseminate high quality and/or high impact research/scholarly activities under limited supervision either independently or as part of a team.
- Contribute in a limited way to the preparation of teaching material and face to face teaching where appropriate.
- Assist in obtaining research funding from external sources.
- Participate in professional activities including presentations at conferences and seminars in field of expertise.
- Provide advice within the field of the employee's research to Honours and postgraduate students.
- Attendance at meetings associated with research or the work of the unit to which the research is connected and/or at Departmental or School meetings and/or membership of a limited number of committees.
- Acquire and interpret research data and results. Run analyses and tests using specified and agreed techniques and models. Contribute to the development of techniques, models and methods.
- Contribute to and uphold a robust and ambitious research culture.
- Attend Open Day, graduations, and other student events as required.
- Provide service to the profession and/or discipline through professional association memberships.
- Undertake limited administrative functions primarily connected with the area of research.
- Undertake other duties commensurate with the classification and scope of the position as required by the Head of Department or Head of School.

Key Selection Criteria

- Completion of a Bachelor's degree in the relevant discipline, and evidence of participation in higher level study relevant to discipline or professional area.
- Evidence of experience in research and evaluation and the ability to work effectively under limited supervision or independently.
- A record of contribution to publications, conference papers and/or reports, or professional or technical contributions which provide evidence of research potential.
- Experience in the analysis and modelling of data, including the capacity to integrate data from a range of sources and of uneven quality.
- Effective oral and written communication skills, including the ability to interact effectively with people from a diverse range of backgrounds.
- Demonstrated ability to work as a member of a team in a cooperative and collegial manner.
- Demonstrated high level of self-motivation and personal management skills.

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- Experience in the preparation of research proposal submissions to external funding bodies and evidence of success in securing research funding.
- Current Drivers license

Other relevant information:

- The position description is indicative of the initial expectation of the role and subject to changes to University goals and priorities, activities or focus of the job.

Essential Compliance Requirements

To hold this La Trobe University position the occupant must:

- hold, or be willing to undertake and pass, a Victorian Working With Children Check; AND
- take personal accountability to comply with all University policies, procedures and legislative or regulatory obligations; including but not limited to TEQSA and the Higher Education Threshold Standards.

La Trobe Cultural Qualities

Our cultural qualities underpin everything we do. As we work towards realising the strategic goals of the University we strive to work in a way which is aligned to our four cultural qualities:

- We are **Connected**: We connect to the world outside — the students and communities we serve, both locally and globally.
- We are **Innovative**: We tackle the big issues of our time to transform the lives of our students and society.
- We are **Accountable**: We strive for excellence in everything we do. We hold each other and ourselves to account, and work to the highest standard.
- We **Care**: We care about what we do and why we do it. We believe in the power of education and research to transform lives and global society. We care about being the difference in the lives of our students and communities.