



THE UNIVERSITY  
of ADELAIDE

## ROLE STATEMENT

### Kidman Chair in Australian Studies

### Faculty of Arts

The Kidman Chair in Australian Studies has been established to make a significant contribution to the study of Australian culture.

This Professorial appointment is named in honour of Australian pastoralist, the late Sir Sidney Kidman.

The Kidman Chair in Australian Studies will make significant contributions to the Faculty of Arts through teaching and research, and offer excellent supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate students.

This inaugural appointment will promote discussion and debate on issues that are pertinent to the continuing health of Australian culture and society.

The Kidman Chair in Australian Studies will be a discipline expert who has made significant impact in one or more of the fields of Australian Literature, Literature, Media, History, Demography and Migration Studies, Politics and Sociology, Education, Music, Legal studies, Indigenous Studies, and Agri-cultures.

#### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

##### ***Academic Leadership***

- Lead, manage and develop the focus on the achievement of excellence in teaching in Australian Studies at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
- Contribute to the delivery of, and develop and deliver, relevant curriculum including cross-Faculty initiatives.
- Publish high quality research papers and/or creative works that build on existing strengths in the Faculty of Arts.
- Monitor and maintain quality standards in education and research.
- Supervise undergraduate and postgraduate research students.

##### ***Innovation***

- Contribute to a team culture built on respect, trust, cross-collaboration, understanding, shared accountability and purpose.
- Explore new research and teaching partnerships.
- Support and foster a culture that enables an excellent experience for students.



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#### ***People Management***

- Possess organizational agility and ability to manage diverse relationships and conflicting priorities.
- Ensure interpersonal skills and capacity to work effectively with the Executive Dean, the Head of School and executive members of the Faculty.
- Commitment to the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion.
- Seek opportunities for academic links with other schools/departments/disciplines/areas within other faculties.
- Exemplary personal qualities of integrity, energy, tenacity, collegiality and sound judgement.

#### ***Foster external relationships***

- Promulgate the strengths of the Faculty locally, nationally and internationally.
- Develop links with the relevant profession, industries and Australian and international partners for both academic and research collaboration.
- Contribute to the Faculty's strategic plan for engagement with industry, alumni community and key external stakeholders and its international plan.
- Maintain professional networks, participating in discipline-specific and Group of Eight networks.

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

- A record of academic distinction and significant professional standing within a relevant area, including a PhD in a relevant discipline.
- A demonstrated understanding of teaching and researching Australian culture within a university environment.
- Evidence of high-quality teaching experience within a tertiary environment.
- Track record of high quality research publications and/or creative works in a relevant area or areas.
- Evidence of an inspirational leadership style which promotes a culture of high performance engagement and commitment.
- Demonstrated ability to forge meaningful external relationships and represent the School, Faculty and the University locally, nationally and internationally, to community, industry and other academic institutions and partners.
- Proven track record in successful national competitive grant funding.
- A demonstrated ability to contribute successfully to Higher Degree programs through teaching, supervision and administration at these levels.
- Proven involvement in undergraduate and/or postgraduate curriculum development and professional leadership within the education sector.
- The ability to provide strategic and administrative leadership in research, teaching and scholarship, and to contribute to the dynamic creation of an academic environment for collaboration and professional sharing.