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# School of Agriculture, Biomedicine and Environment

Department of Animal, Plant and Soil Sciences  
Level E, Professor in Plant Biology



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# Welcome from the DVC (Research and Industry Engagement), Provost and the Dean, Agriculture, Biomedicine and Environment

On behalf of the University, we warmly welcome your interest in joining the Department of Animal, Plant and Soil Sciences within the School of Agriculture, Biomedicine and Environment and the La Trobe Institute for Sustainable Agriculture and Food (LISAF). This position represents an exciting opportunity to join a dynamic and growing School.

The successful candidate will play a key role within the Department and School, contributing to research and engagement activities. The position will contribute to building on the Department's international reputation for its research excellence.

The Department of Animal, Plant and Soil Sciences encompasses a broad range of disciplines including agriculture, soil science, agronomy, crop science, plant science, and animal physiology and health. In the current call, we are seeking candidates with a background in plant biology relevant to controlled environment agriculture. This appointment comes at a time of growth for La Trobe University in sustainable agriculture and food.

The successful candidate should bring an outstanding record of international achievement in academia, a breadth of academic vision, strategic thinking, and demonstrable experience leading and inspiring teams in an innovative industry or academic environment. They will ensure the Department continues to excel in the areas of research, planning and people management. They will be also an inspiring leader with the ability to build strategic relationships both domestically and internationally with key external partners, ranging from local communities to industry and government.

We would be pleased to discuss this opportunity with you.



**Professor Susan Dodds**  
Deputy Vice Chancellor Research  
and Industry Engagement  
La Trobe University



**Professor Robert Pike**  
Provost,  
La Trobe University



**Professor Shaun Collin**  
Dean,  
Agriculture, Biomedicine and Environment,  
Co-Director of AgriBio

# About La Trobe University

## Our Mission

Advancing knowledge and learning to shape the future of our students and communities.

## Our Vision

To promote positive change and address the major issues of our time through being connected, inclusive and excellent.

## Our Values

Our early reputation as a radical and challenging institution continues to influence the way we enrich the experience of our students and engage with our partners and communities.

We were founded half a century ago to broaden participation in higher education in Melbourne's north and, later, in regional Victoria. We have succeeded for many thousands of students who would otherwise have been excluded from the opportunities provided by a university education.

We continue to support access, diversity and inclusivity while undertaking world-class research that aims to address the global forces shaping our world and make a difference to some of the world's most pressing problems, including climate change, securing food, water and the environment, building healthy communities, and creating a more just and sustainable future. This approach is based on our values of:

- inclusiveness, diversity, equity and social justice
- pursuing excellence and sustainability in everything we do
- championing our local communities in Melbourne's north and regional Victoria
- being willing to innovate and disrupt the traditional way of doing things.

Of all Australian universities, we are the most successful at combining accessibility and excellence, and have become a place where social inclusion and globally recognised excellence come together for the benefit of our students, our staff and our communities.

Our academics and researchers achieve national and international recognition, our public intellectuals demonstrate an enduring social conscience and influence, and our alumni achieve extraordinary success and impact in government, industry and not for profit organisations.

We strive to be exemplars for the sector in our commitment to gender equity and to inclusivity for marginalised groups; and we work with indigenous peoples and organisations to support their social, cultural and economic aspirations.

We embrace sustainable practices across all our campuses because we are committed to improving environmental, social and economic outcomes for our communities.

We contribute to economic development for our local communities, and our future activity will increasingly be international as we become a globally connected university in everything we do.

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## Our Culture

### 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:



#### Connected

- We are Connected: Connecting the students and communities we serve to the world outside



#### Innovative

- We are Innovative: Tackling the big issues of our time to transform the lives of our students and society



#### Accountable

- We are Accountable: Striving for excellence in everything we do. Holding each other to account, and working the highest standards



#### Care

- We Care: We care about what we do and why we do it, because we believe in the power of education and research to transform lives and global society.



# About the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Industry Portfolio

La Trobe University has a proud history of conducting research to address pressing societal needs. Our researchers work in partnership with community groups, industry and government to create opportunities and address issues of local, national and international importance. Our research positively impacts the communities we serve.

We have recently developed Research 2030, our five-year Research and Industry Engagement Plan, which consolidates and focuses the research strengths of La Trobe University. We developed Research 2030 in support of the new La Trobe Strategic Plan 2020-2030, which sets out a future direction for La Trobe.

In implementing Research 2030, we are building on our research achievements, strongly positioning La Trobe to make world leading contributions in response to the global challenges we will face in 2030 and beyond. Research 2030 articulates our research vision and objectives, as well as our measures of success.

Linked to the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals, the plan identifies five research themes which speak to our research strengths and our priorities. These research themes focus our research investment in centres, institutes and infrastructure, world leading research and guide our industry, government and international collaborations.

These theme areas are:

-  Sustainable Food & Agriculture
-  Resilient Environment & Communities
-  Healthy People, Families & Communities
-  Understanding & Preventing Disease
-  Social Change & Equity



Our researchers work together across schools and campuses, using their expertise and knowledge to strive for common goals.

Further to this, *Research 2030* guides how we will become industry's partner of choice, how we will drive international research collaborations and how we will improve efficiency and productivity in all we do.

La Trobe is uniquely positioned to engage with regional communities, including First Nations communities and we will continue to embed these important relationships as we work towards our goals.

We recognise the importance of establishing diverse, safe and inclusive teams in all areas of our research and in our research leadership.

We know that socially diverse and inclusive teams are innovative and high performing; we support this diversity at La Trobe.

I look forward to facilitating the growth of La Trobe's reputation for producing high-impact research through the implementation of Research 2030.

I invite you to become part of this exciting period of La Trobe's history.

Professor Susan Dodds  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor  
(Research and Industry Engagement)

# About the Office of the Provost

In 2021, La Trobe commenced a major change program to support the [University's Strategic Plan 2020-2030](#), which was developed to help the University emerge from COVID-19 as a more resilient, future-focused and efficient institution.

As a result of the transformation program, the Office of the Provost was established.

The primary objective of the Office of the Provost is to support the University's academic operating model.

Focusing on strategy and performance, with budget and resources being directed to delivering high quality, efficient, professional services to schools, we have invested in processes, systems and technology.

I am committed to embedding the University's cultural qualities into academic and professional staff processes.

Staff development is critical and career planning and individual achievements will culminate in our collective success.

I invite you to become part of the team and look forward to a successful journey with you.

Professor Robert Pike  
Provost





# About the School of Agriculture, Biomedicine and Environment

The School of Agriculture, Biomedicine and Environment is one of the largest in the University, with more than 170 continuing and fixed term staff across multiple campuses. Over the last three years the School has seen significant growth in both research and teaching revenue. Staff in the School currently generate a significant proportion of the University's teaching revenue and research income, and supervise more than 270 higher degree research students. The School is responsible for 7 undergraduate degree courses at the main Bundoora campus in Melbourne, and our regional campus at Albury-Wodonga. It is a leader in teaching innovation and student satisfaction within the university.



## The 5 Departments in the School are:

- Animal, Plant and Soil Sciences
- Baker Department of Cardiovascular Research, Translation and Implementation
- Biochemistry and Chemistry
- Environment and Genetics
- Microbiology, Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology.

## The School undertakes teaching into 7 Courses:

- Bachelor of Biological Sciences
- Bachelor of Wildlife and Conservation Biology
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Agriculture
- Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Biosciences
- Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing (in partnership with Melbourne Polytechnic)
- Bachelor of Health Sciences.

We teach >3000 undergraduate students enrolled in 32 subjects.

The School of Agriculture, Biomedicine and Environment supports a dynamic and growing research environment and is a major contributor to research strengths in both the Biological and Agricultural Sciences, achieving the highest possible rating '5 - well above world standing' from the Australian Research Council in the fields of Ecology, Zoology, Plant Biology, Physiology, Microbiology, Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Crop and Pasture Production, Genetics, Soil Science, and Veterinary Science, and rated as '4 - above world standing' in Ecological Applications.

SABE has the following world class research centres:

- La Trobe Institute of Agriculture and Food (LIAF)
- ARC ITRH (Industry Transformation Research Hub) for Medicinal Agriculture
- ARC CoE (Centre of Excellence) Plant Energy Biology

- Centre for Cardiovascular Biology and Disease
- Research Centre for Extracellular Vesicles
- Biomedical and Environment Sensor Technology Research Centre
- Research Centre for Molecular Cancer Prevention
- La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science
- Research Centre for Future Landscapes
- Centre for Freshwater Ecosystems
- Research Centre for Applied Alpine Ecology
- Mallee Regional Innovation Centre.

SABE is also closely affiliated with:

- Olivia Newton-John Cancer Research Institute
- Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute.

Professor Shaun Collin  
Dean, School of Agriculture,  
Biomedicine and Environment

# About the Department of Animal, Plant and Soil Sciences

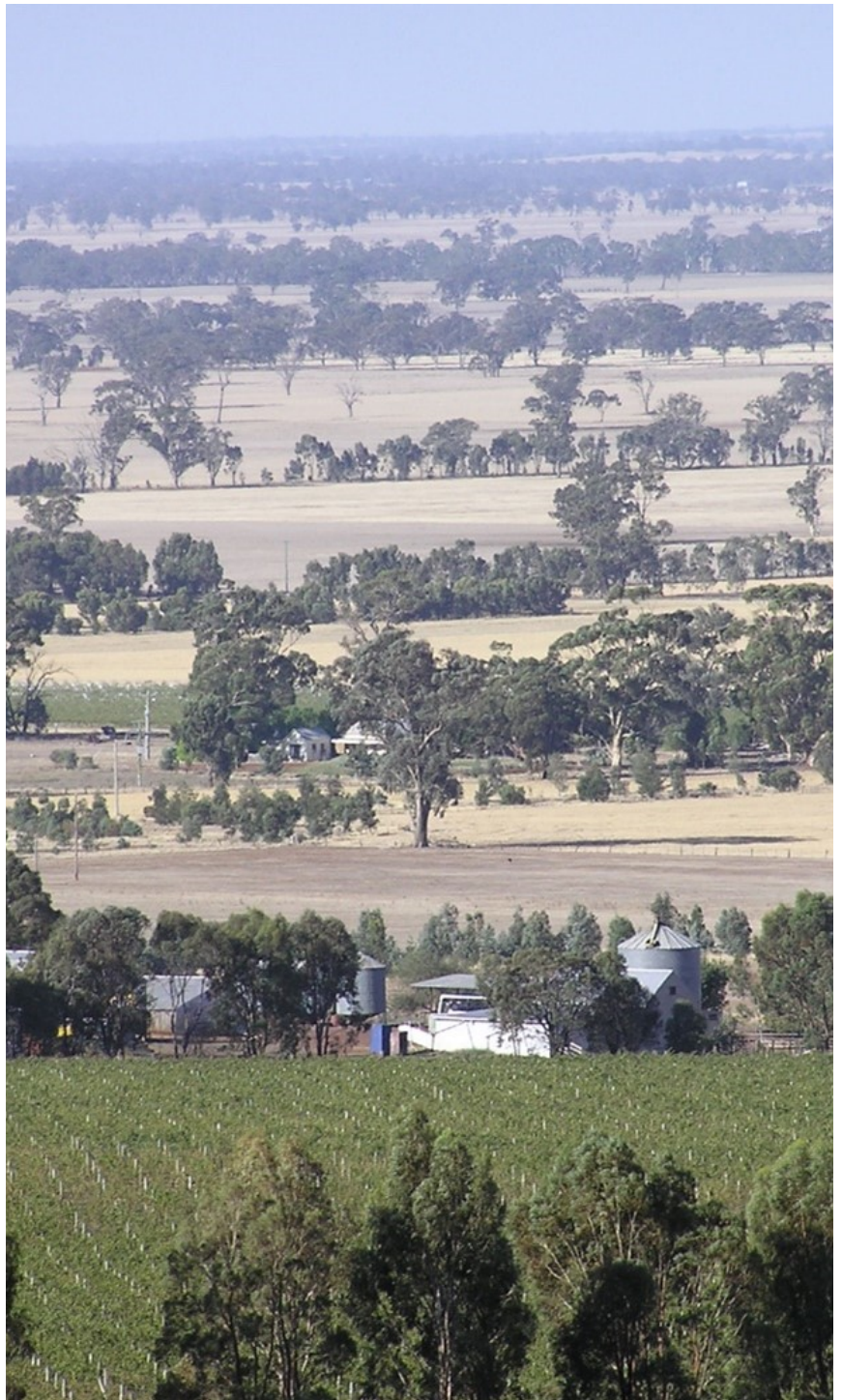
The Department of Animal, Plant and Soil Sciences (APSS) consists of 14 active research groups comprised of teaching and research academics, ARC Fellows, Postdocs and experienced technical and support staff. The Department also houses the La Trobe University Genomics Platform ([www.latrobe.edu.au/research-infrastructure/research-facilities/genomics-platform](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/research-infrastructure/research-facilities/genomics-platform)).

The Department of APSS has a dynamic higher degree by research program that reflects the disciplinary interests of the staff and supports large numbers of Honours, Masters and PhD students (many of which are supported by industry).

The Department maintains a diverse portfolio of research programs encompassing the full range from fundamental to highly applied, with particular strengths in plant biology, plant energy metabolism, cell wall biology, medicinal agriculture, soil science, crop agronomy, understanding and controlling animal disease, environmental impacts, genome regulation, legume and nitrogen fixation, neuroecology and marine ecophysiology, sleep ecophysiology, and wildlife endocrinology.

Members of the Department are key contributors to La Trobe's new Research Themes (five cross-disciplinary research areas that address some of the most pressing questions affecting the future of human societies and their environments), particularly 'Sustainable Food and Agriculture, and Resilient Environments and Communities'.

We also maintain close relationships with external research partners in state, federal and non-government agencies.





# About the La Trobe Institute for Sustainable Agriculture and Food (LISAF)

The La Trobe Institute for Sustainable Agriculture and Food (LISAF) has been established with the expertise and financial backing to apply world-class research to meet global food challenges in coming decades. La Trobe is making further investment in agri-food to drive sector growth, improve health outcomes and commercialise new food products.

Our aim is to streamline the development, growing and testing of desirable traits in cereal and legume grains with the objective of sustainable food production to generate enduring profitability for grain growers and deliver real benefits for the community and economy. We work with industry and research partners to cultivate new ideas and find ways to add value to existing products.

Our goal is to find solutions that enable sustainable agriculture that will provide food of the quality and quantity to meet global food challenges in coming decades. We have established partnerships with world renowned researchers, grain growers, health and nutrition specialists, and leading national and international food producers to enable the research underpinning the production of grains that are higher yielding and more nutritious, and innovations in food production to work across all elements of the value chain.

LISAF's Paddock to Gut program runs across five overlapping domain:

1. Farming Systems-Soils and Agronomy;
2. **Protected Cropping;**
3. Fit for Purpose Seeds;
4. Food and Nutrition; and
5. Food Business and Food Security

**This level E position is an important strategic appointment for LISAF and will be the co-lead of LISAF Domains 2 (Protected Cropping, Medicinal Ag & Horticulture) and 3 (Fit for Purpose Seeds).**

Working with the Director LISAF, you will be part of the senior leadership team and contribute to the positioning and direction of the domain and the interface with the other LISAF domains.

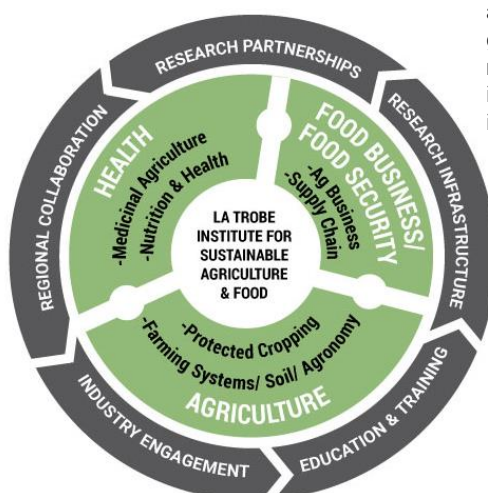
We have recently made significant investments in growth facility infrastructure funded by LTU and the Victorian State government. Our state-of-the-art glasshouse facilities include two 100 sq. mt high-end climate-controlled phenotyping compartments, together with a purpose-built growth pod enclosure to provide facilities and specialist equipment for collaborative research programs with industry. This facility is unique in Australia with its sophisticated compliance overlay to meet Federal and State regulations for medicinal agriculture plants.

Our programs explore the link between phenotyping data and growth traits and yields, and the impact of growth conditions, such as fertiliser regimes, on plant health and beneficial traits.

Domain 2, the protected cropping domain on horticulture and medicinal agriculture, leverages the opportunities from the LTU-led \$24M+ ARC ITRH for Medicinal Agriculture (MedAg Hub) and is positioned for significant growth, with the rapidly expanding AgTech area, for high-value crops/plants, being the fastest growing food producing sector in Australia, with a farmgate value of \$1.3B. Domain 3, Fit for Purpose Seeds, has recently been bolstered through the success of the ARC Centre of Excellence in Plants for Space (P4S), led by University of Adelaide, with a major research program led by LTU. P4S will help to establish a long-term human presence in space, whilst also developing agricultural and food technology innovations on Earth. The CoE is a \$88.5M centre over 7 years with \$9M+ to LTU. The Level E appointment will become a CI on this grant.

La Trobe University's investment in the \$288M world-class AgriBio building has cemented its reputation in agriculture and food biosciences, creating a platform for further investment in intellectual capital.

These additional infrastructure investments provide high-end growth and phenotyping controlled environment rooms and glasshouses and state-of-the-art 'omics (including genomics, transcriptomics, metabolomics and proteomics) and imaging capability (including single-cell imaging).



# About the ARC Centre of Excellence in Plants for Space (P4S)



Existing collaborators with P4S CIs are underlined; others represent new partnerships

## Long-term off-Earth habitation is on the horizon

By 2028, an established presence on the moon will be a precursor to crewed Mars missions but key challenges for mission planners still exist, such as:

- Providing a nutritious, varied food supply to sustain physical and mental well-being for humans during long-term Space habitation – the current mass and volume restrictions for food inhibit mission feasibility, and resupply is not a current option.
- The technology to provide robust, reconfigurable and on-demand generation of resources such as pharmaceuticals and construction materials.

In many respects, Space habitation amplifies the multi-faceted sustainability challenges we face in food and biomaterial production on Earth.

P4S is a recently established (2023) ARC Centre of Excellence. La Trobe hosts a substantial research and outreach node through the labs of Professor Mathew G. Lewsey and Dr Kim Johnson. The lead node is at the Waite Research Institute (University of Adelaide) under Professor Mathew Gilliam (Centre Director), and partners span the academic and private sector in Australia and internationally.

## P4S will drive transformational benefits for on-Earth industries and sustainability outcomes

P4S breakthroughs will offer new plant efficiency solutions for challenging Earth environments, e.g., low-water, high-saline agriculture, and low-input productivity options for food processing, storage, and distribution. Intensive, but sustainable, CEA (Controlled Environment Agriculture) production of plant-based foods can reduce agriculture's carbon footprint when linked to renewable power. In creating IP, commercial and collaborative opportunities, and workforce skills to boost sustainable food and bioresource production. P4S designs will create the flexible, plant-based solutions needed to support

human physical and psychological well-being during deep Space travel and settlement. Simultaneously we will deliver a step change in plant efficiency, productivity, and processing technologies here on Earth.

P4S success will be defined by:

- Establishing P4S as an international authority and focal point for plant-based Space food, material, and engineering advances; Creating new technologies and capabilities in plant modification, with valuable IP and pipelines for successful research translation to on- and off-Earth applications;
- Training over 400 researchers to form the foundation of a new generation of internationally connected and industry-focused researchers;
- Accelerating growth of the burgeoning national and international CEA and biomanufacturing industry to support high-value on- and off-Earth ventures.

P4S' four integrated, globally connected, and transformative research Programs (P1–4; Fig. 2) are designed to address gaps, drive sector co-ordination, build the workforce, and innovate with industry-ready solutions.



P4S' vision and impact (from left to right): team skillsets, programs, and transformational outcomes.



# Working with Government, Industry and Community

La Trobe University has a proud history working with State and Federal Government, industry partners and the communities we serve both within Melbourne and regionally, and this is demonstrated at scale within the Department of Animal, Plant and Soil Sciences (APSS).

The Department of APSS is housed within the impressive AgriBio building, which brings together La Trobe's world-class research and the work of the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) and Agriculture Victoria.

Together with CSIRO, La Trobe University is also establishing a new state-of-the-art agri-food research and innovation facility in the Research & Innovation Precinct at La Trobe's Bundoora campus. The Australian Food Innovation Centre (AFIC) will create a national agri-food network to drive sector growth, jobs, improve health outcomes and commercialise new food products.

The Department of APSS will work closely with AFIC to sustainably develop sufficient food to meet the demand for population growth and leverage food science and nutrition to remediate chronic health conditions.



**The Agribiosciences building also houses a number of technical facilities including:**

- DNA sequencing and genotyping for plants, livestock and microbes
- Specialised software for bioinformatics and complex statistical analyses
- A Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectrometer and multiple mass spectrometers
- Controlled Environment Rooms for plant and pest research.

La Trobe University recently developed the University City of the Future vision, which is the largest capital plan in the University's history, transforming both the Bundoora Campus as well as Melbourne's north, and will create long term job, innovation and economic growth through a \$5 billion investment over 10 years.

# About the Position

As a part of the School of Agriculture, Biomedicine and Environment, and the Department of Animal, Plant and Soil Sciences, you will work closely with colleagues across disciplines to solve the most pressing fundamental and applied problems in plant biology.

As part of La Trobe University's ongoing commitment to solving real world problems at the regional, national and international level, the mission of the La Trobe Institute for Sustainable Agriculture and Food (LISAF) is to use and translate cutting-edge research to maintain and increase food production in a sustainable manner. LISAF's goal is to find solutions that enable sustainable agriculture to provide food of the quality and quantity to meet future global food challenges. LISAF will take advantage of the opportunities presented through this intersection between food supply and its impact on health to improve nutritional outcomes and deliver innovation across the "paddock to gut" value chain. LISAF will deliver this across the five Domain areas of 1. Farming Systems – Soils and Agronomy, 2. Protected Cropping – Medicinal Agriculture & Horticulture, 3. Fit for Purpose Seeds, 4. Food, Nutrition and Health, and 5. Food Business & Food Security.

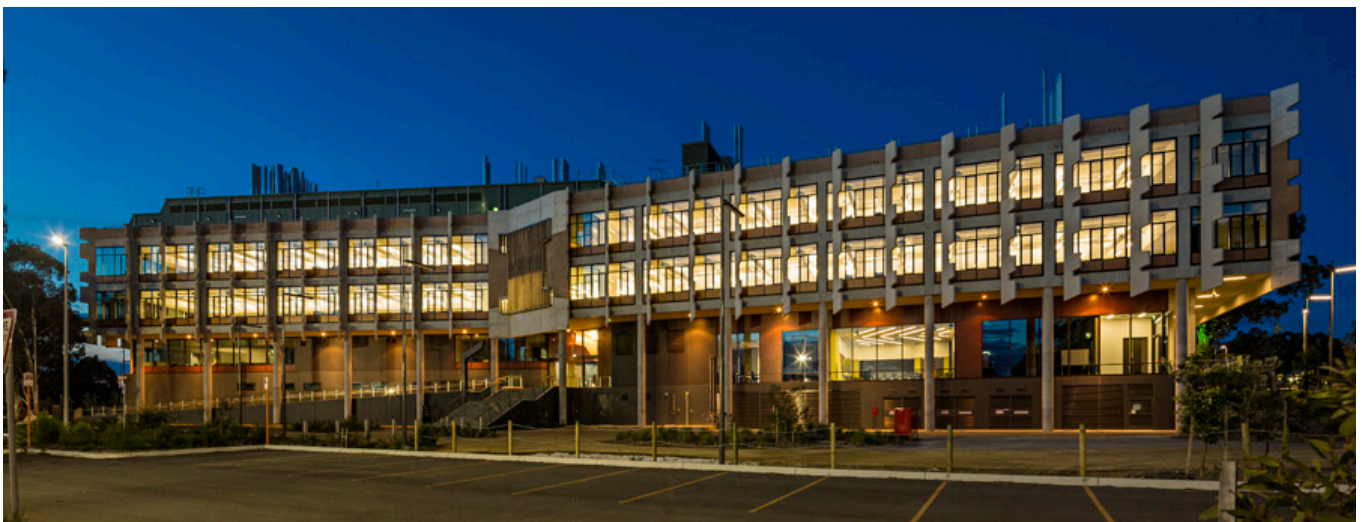
A further goal of LISAF is to support the development of the future workforce that is needed to underpin this rapidly changing sector. Foods will need to be developed and produced with inherent health traits; grown sustainably in ways that respond to increasingly challenging climatic environments; and supported by growers and supply chains that provide provenance and safety credentials.

The Australian Research Council Industrial Transformation Research Hub for Medicinal Agriculture (MedAg Hub), led by La Trobe University is a \$28+ million initiative, supported by Australian government, industry and university funds. It aims to transform the production of high quality, plant derived therapeutics into an integrated, Australia-wide industry that spans primary producers and manufacturers.

The Australian Research Council Centre for Excellence in Plants for Space (P4S) will help to establish a long-term human presence in space, whilst also developing agricultural and food technology innovations on Earth. The La Trobe University node contributes major research and outreach programs, based in LISAF, working with national and international partners.

This Level E research-only academic (full Professor) will be a co-lead in Domain 2 (Protected Cropping – Medicinal Agriculture & Horticulture) and Domain 3 (Fit For Purpose Seeds) and is expected to have achieved international recognition through original, innovative and distinguished contributions to research and research translation. They will also become a member of the Centre of Excellence in Plants For Space (P4S).

The appointee will be a world leader in the field of plant phenotyping, computer vision applied to plant physiology and development, or controlled environment agriculture with a molecular focus. They will be expected to provide leadership in the disciplinary field and foster excellence in research, research policy and research training within the institution, discipline and/or profession and within the scholarly and general community. All Professors are members of the University's Academic Board and are expected to contribute to the leadership not only of their School, but also of the University as a whole.







### Duties at this level may include:

- Foster excellence and advancement of the research disciplines of plant phenotyping, computer vision, and/or controlled environment agriculture by playing a major role in elements of major research projects including management and leadership.
- Provide leadership and foster excellence in research and policy development in the discipline within La Trobe and the scholarly and/or general community.
- Prepare research proposal submissions to external funding bodies and be responsible for the financial management of grants.
- Encourage and promote a robust and innovative research culture within the University.
- Play a leading role in discipline-based mentoring and supporting the development of more junior research staff within the Department/School/University.
- Contribute to broader leadership processes with the University.
- Participate in community and professional activities related to discipline, including involvement with government agencies, commercial and industrial sectors where appropriate.
- Lead and collaborate successful bids for significant research income from a variety of sources, including nationally competitive grants, and Centres of Excellence schemes.
- Encourage and promote a robust and innovative research culture at all levels within the University.
- Build collaborative and sustainable relationships with, and act as expert advisor/consultant to government, industry and other external organisations.
- Promote and represent the University and discipline/profession by participating in appropriate local, national and international organisations and events.
- Proven ability to encourage intellectual development and career aspirations of students.
- Undertake other duties commensurate with the classification and scope of the position as required by the Dean.



## Selection Criteria

- Completion of a PhD in plant molecular sciences, agricultural science, plant biology or an approved equivalent field or equivalent accreditation and standing, together with substantial research experience and involvement in plant phenotyping, computer vision, and/or controlled environment agriculture.
- Distinguished record of nationally and/or internationally recognised research, with evidence of the highest quality and/or impact. Where relevant, evidence of citations and journal rankings should be given.
- Demonstrated high level leadership and management experience in leading research teams or projects and financial management of grants for research projects.
- Proven experience in supervising, mentoring and fostering the research activities of others and contributing effectively at multiple levels within organisations.
- Demonstrated effectiveness in the preparation of research proposal submissions to external funding bodies and a substantial record of external research funding through competitive grants, industry grants or consultancies.
- Demonstrated effectiveness in liaising with collaborators and industry partners and in promoting research links with outside organisations/agencies.
- Outstanding analytical capability with an ability to communicate complex information clearly both orally and in writing.
- Evidence of successful supervision of Honours and Postgraduate research students

## La Trobe Cultural Qualities

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## 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.



# How to Apply

All Applications should be submitted using the online portal.

When submitting your application, the following information is required:

## Curriculum Vitae

Please include the following:

- Details of your education, professional training and qualifications with year of completion.
- A full list of publications and research grants.
- Positions you have held, including relevant dates, titles, responsibilities and key achievements.
- Other relevant information such as your contributions to professional associations and learned societies, and community activities.

## Selection Criteria

Please address all Selection Criteria.

## Vision Statement

Taking the Selection Criteria into consideration, provide a brief summary of your vision, what you will bring to this position and the strategies you would use to realise it.

## Referees

- Provide full contact details for at least three referees who have agreed to supply confidential references if requested by the University.
- State your relationship to the referees and why they have been nominated to speak on your behalf.
- Referees will only be contacted after prior consultation with you.
- It is your responsibility to ensure referees are willing to provide reports when contacted.

## Other information

As part of the application and appointment process, candidates may be requested to provide proof of their identity and give permission for verification of their tertiary qualifications and an Australian Federal Police check.

All La Trobe University employees are bound by the Working with Children Act 2005. If you are successful, you will be required to hold a valid Victorian Employee Working with Children Check prior to commencement.

La Trobe University is a proud member of the Science in Australia Gender Equity (SAGE) Athena SWAN program to increase the number of women and gender diverse people in science.

<https://www.science.org.au/supporting-science/gender-equity>



# About Victoria and Melbourne

## Experience Melbourne

Melbourne is the capital of the state of Victoria, and Australia's second largest city. It's a multicultural hub with 5 million people from over 153 countries. It's one of the world's best sporting cities, and is Australia's art and culture capital. Melbourne is a safe, well-serviced city in which to live. The main campus of the University at Bundoora is close to many world class hospitals, schools, research centres, shopping centres, bike paths and parklands. Melbournians enjoy, affordable healthcare, world-class education, reliable infrastructure, business opportunities and a healthy environment. In Melbourne you'll find just about every cuisine: French, Italian, Spanish, Greek, Chinese, Malaysian, Indian, Thai, Japanese, Moroccan and lots more. Melbourne has over 100 art galleries as well as theatres, international and local opera, ballet, comedy and live music.

Each year Melbourne hosts major international sporting events like the Australian Open Grand Slam tennis tournament, the Formula One Grand Prix, the Rip Curl Pro surfing championship, the Australian Masters golf tournament, the Melbourne Cup and the Grand Final of Australian Rules Football. As well as over 2500 festivals and events including the Melbourne International Arts Festival, Melbourne International Film Festival, Melbourne International Comedy Festival and the Melbourne Spring Racing Carnival.

Find out more:

<https://liveinmelbourne.vic.gov.au/discover>

## Victoria: The Garden State

Victoria has many notable gardens and 36 national parks covering two and a half million hectares. Victoria's many attractions include the Great Ocean Road, (stunning coastal views and the world-famous Twelve Apostles), the Grampians and the High Country.

Find out more: [visitvictoria.com](https://www.visitvictoria.com)



## La Trobe University Campuses in Australia

Each of our seven campuses ([Melbourne](#), [Albury-Wodonga](#), [City](#), [Bendigo](#), [Shepparton](#), [Mildura](#) and [Sydney](#)) is a unique expression of place, people and history that play an important role in social, cultural and economic life. We are located in Victoria's major regional cities, creating a unique network of research, industry and innovation expertise that can be accessed across the state.



## Melbourne Campus

La Trobe's Melbourne Campus has 27,000+ students and is surrounded by bushland. Students from across the world take advantage of state-of-the-art facilities, including our AgriBio Research Centre, the La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science and our very own Wildlife Sanctuary.

## Albury-Wodonga Campus

La Trobe's Albury-Wodonga Campus has 800+ students and is home to our leading regional research centre, the Centre for Freshwater Ecosystems which focuses on water science and policy of the Murray-Darling basin. Here, undergraduate students work alongside Honours and research students on local issues.