



PROFESSOR - NUTRITION, DIETETICS AND FOOD

DEPARTMENT/UNIT

Nutrition, Dietetics and Food, School of Clinical Sciences at Monash Health

FACULTY/DIVISION

Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

CLASSIFICATION

Level E

DESIGNATED CAMPUS OR LOCATION

Notting Hill

ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

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.

The **Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences**, is the largest faculty at Monash University, and offers the most comprehensive suite of professional health training in Victoria. We consistently rank in the top 40 universities worldwide for clinical, pre-clinical and health sciences.

We want to improve the human condition. That is our vision - it has no expiration date. Through academic health centres, other translational models and by educating the healthcare workforce of the future, our staff, students and alumni directly improve quality of life.

Setting the global health care agenda, the Faculty aspires to lead in all areas of research activity and influence local, national and international policy to improve health and social outcomes and health inequalities. We've made a major impact in the world of medical research and become globally recognised for our quality education of over 41,000 doctors, nurses, and allied health professionals.

We are ambitious and aim to maintain our position as a leading international medical research university. We're recognised for the breadth and depth of our research, for our commitment to translational research, for the quality and scale of our research capability, and as a thriving biotechnology hub.

To learn more about the Faculty, please visit www.monash.edu/medicine.

The **School of Clinical Sciences at Monash Health (SCS)** is one of the nine schools of the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash University, and is now the third largest school within the Faculty and its largest clinical school. Most of the research and teaching activities of the School are based near the main

university campus, at Monash Medical Centre (MMC) Clayton. Monash Medical Centre is the major tertiary referral hospital for Monash Health, which serves a population of over 1.5 million people and is Monash University's largest hospital partner. The School's annual budget is in excess of \$125 M. In typical years, total research income received through the School is approximately \$55 M.

The School of Clinical Sciences at Monash Health is a major teaching resource for Monash medical students. The School is Monash's largest deliverer of clinical teaching in the undergraduate medical student curriculum, providing 50% of total clinical placements across multiple disciplines and sites. Medical student teaching is coordinated by the Directorate of Undergraduate Medical Education. Teaching activities also extend to a number of other Monash Health sites including Dandenong, Casey, Moorabbin Hospital, and Monash Health's Kingston Centre. The school also has established links with other parts of the Faculty and other Monash faculties including the Be Active Sleep Eat (BASE) facility, located at the Notting Hill campus, where the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food is located.

Basic, clinical, and translation research are undertaken by the clinical departments of the School: Medicine, Nutrition, Dietetics & Food, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Psychiatry, Surgery and their five associated University Research Centres. The Department of Imaging was recently created and joined SCS in mid-2015. In addition, the Hudson Institute of Medical Research represents its association with Monash University by its staff and students comprising the Department of Molecular Translational Science within the School of Clinical Sciences. Researchers of the School collaborate closely with relevant clinical areas in Monash Health and many of the School's principal investigators are leaders in the health service who are clinician-scientists. The School has a strong tradition of training in this area, including what is believed to be the largest number of clinicians enrolled in higher degrees by research of any teaching hospital school in Australia. SCS researchers are responsible 20-25% of Monash University's NHMRC-funded research activity. For more information: www.monash.edu/medicine/scs.

The **Department of Nutrition and Dietetics** is ideally placed to undertake nutrition-based multi-disciplinary research, and has expanded substantially since its inauguration in 2009. Staff members enhance the student learning experience and undertake research across a range of areas. Its course offerings include a three-year undergraduate program in Nutrition Science, the first international course to be accredited by the Association for Nutrition, and a Masters of Dietetics course, accredited by the Dietitians Association of Australia. Pathways for UG students to higher degree include undertaking an Honours degree of the Bachelor of Nutrition, which is a full-time, one-year research-intensive program. In 2020, the Department had around 30 PhD students enrolled, and also runs a range of professional development online short-courses.

Teaching and research is conducted at the Clayton Campus, Notting Hill and at Monash Health. Administered within the School of Clinical Sciences at Monash Health, and operating from its own headquarters at the Be Active Sleep Eat (BASE) facility, the Department is the leading academic department in nutrition in Australia, and is internationally recognised.

The Department has a wide range of interests in nutrition, dietetics and food research with expertise stretching across the lifespan from infants through to the elderly. There are four research themes: Clinical Nutrition; Metabolism; Public Health, and Teaching & Learning. Research projects and consultancies are undertaken by staff. Research-based higher degrees are available with staff offering supervision and mentoring of post graduate students.

POSITION PURPOSE

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, within the university and within the community, both scholarly and general. An internationally recognised established scientist in the area of Nutrition, Dietetics and/or Food is required to undertake research and teaching, and enhance the reputation of the Department. The appointed person would be expected to obtain research funding, lead a team and supervise PhD students, as well as providing a high level of teaching to students.

Reporting Line: The position reports to Professor Gary Williamson (Head of Department)

Supervisory Responsibilities: This position is expected to provide direct supervision to several staff

Financial Delegation: Not applicable

Budgetary Responsibilities: Not applicable

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific duties required of a Level E academic may include:

1. Actively engage in a specialist research area in line with the Faculty's 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

Education/Qualifications

1. The appointee will have:
 - a PhD in nutrition or related subject, preferably with a Nutrition or Dietetic accreditation, and recognised as a leading authority internationally in the relevant discipline

Knowledge and Skills

2. Evidence of outstanding scholarly activity of an international standard in Nutrition, Dietetics and/or Food, and a demonstrated ongoing commitment to one or more programs of research
3. Demonstrated ability to generate research income, including from both traditional and more innovative sources of research funding
4. Record of successful supervision of postgraduate research students and the ability to make a significant contribution to postgraduate training programs in Nutrition, Dietetics and/or Food
5. Proven excellence in teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels

6. Willingness and capacity to make a substantial contribution to all activities of the department, including administration and planning
7. Proven professional leadership qualities and capacity for executive administrative responsibilities
8. Evidence of sustained relationships with industry, business, government agencies and/or professional bodies coupled with vision for the future needs and development of Nutrition, Dietetics and/or Food nationally and internationally
9. Recognised globally as a leader in research in Nutrition, Dietetics and/or Food through publications and substantial numbers of citations in the area
10. Previous and current participation in international networks in Nutrition, Dietetics and/or Food

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 may be required
- This position will require a successful National Police Record check

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.