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Position Description

College/Division:	College of Science
Faculty/School/Centre:	Research School of Earth Sciences
Department/Unit:	Climate and Ocean Geoscience
Position Title:	Research Fellow
Classification:	Academic Level B
Position No:	TBC
Responsible to:	Head, Climate and Ocean Geoscience
Number of positions that report to this role:	
Delegation(s) Assigned:	

PURPOSE STATEMENT:

The ANU College of Science (CoS) comprises the Research School of Earth Sciences, the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics, the Research School of Biology, the Research School of Chemistry, the Fenner School of Environment and Society, the Mathematical Sciences Institute, the Research School of Physics and the Centre for the Public Awareness of Science. Staff and students within the ANU College of Science conduct research and deliver a research-led education program that encompasses the entire breadth of the sciences, supported by extensive international networks and by world-class facilities.

The Research School of Earth Sciences is the leading centre of Earth and Marine research in Australia. Researchers have a tradition of excellence in addressing the world's challenges in the Earth sciences, such as contributing to a sustainable future by reconstructing and modelling ocean currents and climate change to inform societal debate and actions, researching the formation of economic deposits of critical minerals, developing innovative and sustainable technologies by which critical metals can be extracted from ore, and using sophisticated seismic studies to understand the nature of the deep earth and to manage geohazards.

The Research Fellow is expected to undertake work in all areas of academic activities, namely research education and service (including outreach). The allocation of time to each area will be discussed with the position supervisor annually and be reflective of the appointee's independent research agenda, school and interdisciplinary teaching requirements and leadership opportunities within the School environment. The Research Fellow may also be required to supervise or mentor less senior staff, and undertake leadership roles as applicable. The staff member will contribute cooperatively to the overall intellectual life of the School, College and University.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITY AREAS:

Position Dimension & Relationships:

The Research Fellow will be a member of Research School of Earth Sciences, accountable to the Head, Climate and Ocean Geoscience and the Director, Research School of Earth Sciences. The Research Fellow will be expected to work collegially, leading by example to develop and maintain effective, productive and beneficial workplace relationships with all academic and professional School and College staff, students and honorary appointees, as well as with industry stakeholders. This position will also have a mentoring role for students and will engage in collegial and productive collaborations with local, national and where possible, international colleagues.

Role Statement:

In their role as an Academic Level B the Research Fellow is expected to:

- Undertake high impact independent research in the area of climate sciences with a view to publishing original and innovative results in international refereed journals, present research at academic seminars and at national and international conferences, and collaborate with other researchers at a national and

international level. Research focus areas could span aspects of past, present and/or future climate variability and change, and its implications and solutions globally, for Australian and/or Antarctica.

- Actively contribute to large research consortia in the discipline of climate and ocean geoscience at RSES, such as the Australian Centre for Excellence in Antarctic Science (ACEAS), the Centre of Excellence for Climate Extremes (CLEX) and/or the Centre of Excellence for Weather of the 21st Century (W21C).
- Actively seek and secure external funding including the preparation and submission of research proposals to external funding bodies.
- Contribute to the teaching activities of the School at the undergraduate and graduate levels. This includes, but is not limited to, the preparation and delivery of lectures, tutorials and field courses, the preparation of online material, marking and assessment, consultations with students, acting as a subject coordinator, the initiation and development course/subject material.
- Supervise research students and those working on individual or group projects at undergraduate, honours, graduate-coursework levels.
- Actively contribute to all aspects of the operation of the School and College. This may include representation through committee memberships.
- Maintain high academic standards in all education, research and administration endeavours.
- Take responsibility for their own workplace health and safety and not wilfully place at risk the health and safety of another person in the workplace.
- A demonstrated understanding of equal opportunity principles and policies and a commitment to their application in a university context.
- Other duties as required that are consistent with the classification of the position.

Skill Base:

A Level B academic will undertake independent teaching and research in their discipline or related area and make a significant contribution to the discipline at the national and international level. In research and/or scholarship and/or teaching a Level B academic will make an independent contribution through professional practice and expertise and coordinate and/or lead the activities of other staff, as appropriate to the discipline.

A Level B academic will normally contribute to teaching at undergraduate, honours and postgraduate level, engage in independent scholarship and/or research and/or professional activities appropriate to their profession or discipline. The academic will normally undertake administration primarily relating to their activities at the institution and may be required to perform the full academic responsibilities of and related administration for the coordination of an award program of the institution.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- A PhD in a relevant area, with a strong track record of independent research in the field of climate sciences as evidenced by cited publications in peer-reviewed journals, collaborations and by other measures such as awards, and invitations to present at prominent conferences etc.
- Evidence of the ability to articulate and prosecute innovative research in the relevant field and a vision for the activities they will undertake at the ANU.
- A demonstrated ability and commitment to apply for and win competitive external funding to support individual and collaborative research activities.
- The demonstrated ability to work as part of a team, significantly contributing to team management and a demonstrated ability to meet deadlines.
- Excellent oral and written English language skills and a demonstrated ability to communicate and interact effectively with a variety of staff and students in a cross-disciplinary academic environment and to foster respectful and productive working relationships with staff, students and colleagues at all levels in line with the RSES Culture Statement.
- A demonstrated understanding of equal opportunity principles and policies and a commitment to their application in a university context.

The ANU conducts background checks on potential employees, and employment in this position is conditional on satisfactory results in accordance with the Background Checking Procedure which sets out the types of checks required by each type of position.

Supervisor/Delegate Name:	Professor Dorrit Jacob	Date:	April 2023
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References:

[Academic Minimum Standards](#)



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Pre-Employment Work Environment Report

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In accordance with the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Cth) the University has a primary duty of care, so far as reasonably practicable, to ensure the health and safety of all staff while they are at work in the University.

- This form must be completed by the supervisor of the advertised position and appended to the back of the Position Description.
- This form is used to advise potential applicants of work environment and health and safety hazards prior to application.
- Once an applicant has been selected for the position they must familiarise themselves with the University WHS Management System via Handbook guidance <https://services.anu.edu.au/human-resources/health-safety/whs-management-system-handbook>
- The hazards identified below are of generic nature in relation to the position. It is not correlated directly to training required for the specific staff to be engaged. Identification of individual WHS training needs must be in accordance with WHS Local Training Plan and through the WHS induction programs and Performance Development Review Process.
- 'Regular' hazards identified below must be listed as 'Essential' in the Selection Criteria - see 'Employment Medical Procedures' at http://info.anu.edu.au/Policies/_DHR/Procedures/Employment_Medical_Procedures.asp

Potential Hazards

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please indicate whether the duties associated with appointment will result in exposure to any of the following potential hazards, either as a regular or occasional part of the duties. 			
TASK	regular	occasional	
key boarding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
lifting, manual handling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
repetitive manual tasks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Organizing events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
fieldwork & travel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
driving a vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
NON-IONIZING RADIATION			
solar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ultraviolet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
infra red	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
laser	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
radio frequency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
CHEMICALS			
hazardous substances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
allergens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
cytotoxics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
mutagens/teratogens/	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
carcinogens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
pesticides / herbicides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
TASK	regular	occasional	
laboratory work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
work at heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
work in confined spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
noise / vibration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
electricity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
IONIZING RADIATION			
gamma, x-rays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
beta particles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
nuclear particles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS			
microbiological materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
potential biological allergens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
laboratory animals or insects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
clinical specimens, including blood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
genetically-manipulated specimens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
immunisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
OTHER POTENTIAL HAZARDS (please specify):			
Supervisor/Delegate Name:	Professor Dorrit Jacob		Date: April 2023