



PROFESSOR AND SIR OWEN DIXON CHAIR IN PUBLIC LAW

DEPARTMENT/UNIT	Law Resources
FACULTY/DIVISION	Faculty of Law
CLASSIFICATION	Level E
DESIGNATED CAMPUS OR LOCATION	Clayton campus

ORGANISATIONAL CONTEXT

Monash is a university of transformation, progress and optimism. Our people are our most valued asset, with our academics among the best in the world. You will be part of a university that is made up of inspirational, challenging thinkers and doers – and your work will make a lasting impact. Monash University was founded on the belief that the search for knowledge and the ways to use it never end. Discover more at www.monash.edu.

The Monash Law Faculty was established more than half a century ago to be a different kind of law school, with a pioneering spirit, an enterprising and inclusive approach, and a deep commitment to access to justice in all of its forms.

What do we stand for? Exemplary academic standards, rigorous research, innovation, thought-leadership, worldwide strategic partnerships and justice for all. Our publicly declared ambition is to offer the best broad-based and experiential legal education available to law students, and to become the leading international, clinical and technologically advanced law school in the region. We aim to produce talented legal thinkers who have strong ethical, forensic and practical legal skills that can be applied to creatively solve real world problems. We invest in premium facilities worthy of our world class students and staff, such as our renowned clinical sites, state-of-the-art moot court, and contemporary, student-centred learning environments.

Monash Law is the only Australian law school to operate from seven different locations on three continents, and with significant investment in three community legal centres. Our commitment to local communities and the local legal profession is as deep as our commitment to preparing our students and supporting our academics to make a difference in the world. We also have our dedicated Monash University Law Chambers situated in the Melbourne Legal district that complements our Clayton base and legal clinics.

The Faculty has a vibrant research culture, with a strong commitment to diverse and innovative forms of high-quality and cross-disciplinary legal research that has governmental, professional, and social impact. We collaborate with world leaders in legal research and education throughout Australia and internationally, and have demonstrated top-tier research intensive performance. Our staff are involved in ARC Discovery and Linkage grants and CRC projects. The Faculty also has a number of world-class research centres, the Castan Centre of Human

Rights, the Australian Centre for Justice Innovation, and the Centre for Commercial Law and Regulatory Studies, Eleos Justice and a number of energetic and emerging research groups including focus on Feminist Legal Studies, Transnational Criminal Law, Law, Health and Wellbeing and Sustainable Legal Practice. All Faculty staff are actively engaged in research including cross disciplinary research that supports the four major University themes – Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, Better Governance and Policy, Health Sciences and Sustainable Development.

We are proud of our world class and high-profile alumni who after 56 years have become leaders in their chosen profession within Australia and world-wide. They may be found in most courts, in a variety of businesses and industries and in the various arms of the legal profession, and some of them become adjuncts with us, having an ongoing involvement in the Faculty.

The Faculty has strong alliances with other world class law schools in both education and research initiatives, some of whom partner with us to teach with us at our campus in Prato, Italy and Malaysia.

For more information about the Faculty of Law, please visit our website: www.monash.edu/law.

POSITION PURPOSE

The eminent Sir Owen Dixon Chair in Public Law will be a leader in both research and teaching in public law. They will lead, foster and develop the public law discipline, make a broad contribution across the Faculty and play a significant role within the profession and discipline. The role will encompass leading and mentoring of staff and early career researchers and supervising postgraduate students.

The Chair, and the Faculty's international reputation in public law will increasingly attract the finest staff and high calibre students, particularly PhD candidates. Above all, the Chair will further develop the Faculty's reputation as an international leader in public law teaching and practice.

The position of Sir Owen Dixon Chair in Public Law will be held for 5 years, and may be extended after a review for an additional 5 years at the discretion of the University. The named chair position will be underpinned by a continuing appointment as Professor.

Reporting Line: The position reports to the Dean, Faculty of Law and is based at the Clayton campus, however may be required to attend other campuses

Supervisory Responsibilities: As Sir Owen Dixon Chair in Public Law, there is an expectation of mentoring and leading (both informally and formally) academic staff within the discipline

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 nationally and internationally
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 doctoral qualification, or equivalent accreditation and standing, and recognised as a leading authority in the relevant discipline

Knowledge and Skills

2. Evidence of outstanding scholarly activity of an international standard in public law 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 public law
5. Expertise in public law, with proven excellence in teaching (at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels) and capacity to teach public law and governance
6. Exceptional reputation in leadership, networking and management and a willingness and capacity to make a substantial contribution to all activities of the Faculty, including administration and planning
7. Proven professional leadership qualities and capacity for executive administrative responsibilities
8. Evidence of sustained relationships with relevant industry, business, government, community and professional bodies coupled with vision for the future needs and development of public law and governance law within Australia and internationally

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 is required

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.