



## Position Description – Associate Professor, Fashion & Textiles

### Position Details

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| <b>Position Title:</b>    | Associate Professor, Fashion & Textiles                                                                             |
| <b>College/Portfolio:</b> | College of Design and Social Context                                                                                |
| <b>School/Group:</b>      | School of Fashion and Textiles                                                                                      |
| <b>Campus Location:</b>   | Based at the Brunswick campus, however may be required to work and/or be based at other campuses of the University. |
| <b>Classification:</b>    | Academic Level D                                                                                                    |
| <b>Employment Type:</b>   | Continuing                                                                                                          |
| <b>Time Fraction:</b>     | 1.0 FTE                                                                                                             |

### RMIT University

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RMIT is a multi-sector university of technology, design and enterprise. The University's mission is to help shape the world through research, innovation and engagement, and to create transformative experiences for students to prepare them for life and work. For more information on RMIT University follow the links below.

<https://www.rmit.edu.au/about>

<https://www.universitiesaustralia.edu.au/university/rmit-university/>

<https://www.rmit.edu.au/about/facts-figures>

Our three main campuses in Melbourne are located in the heart of the City, Brunswick, Bundoora and Point Cook, along with other Victorian locations. There are also two campuses in Vietnam (Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City) and a centre in Barcelona, Spain. RMIT is a truly global university.

<https://www.rmit.edu.au/about/our-locations-and-facilities>

We are also committed to redefining our relationship in working with, and supporting, Indigenous self-determination. Our goal is to achieve lasting transformation by maturing our values, culture, policy and structures in a way that embeds reconciliation in everything we do. We are changing our ways of knowing, working and being to support sustainable reconciliation and activate a relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff, students and community. Our three campuses in Melbourne (City, Brunswick and Bundoora campuses) are located on the unceded lands of the people of the Woi Wurrung and Boon Wurrung language groups of the eastern Kulin Nation.

## Why work at RMIT University

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Our people make everything at the University possible. We encourage new approaches to work and learning, stimulating change to drive positive impact. Find out more about working at RMIT University, what we stand for and why we are an Employer of Choice.

<https://www.rmit.edu.au/careers>

We want to attract those who will make a difference. View RMIT's impressive standings in university rankings.

<https://www.rmit.edu.au/about/facts-figures/reputation-and-rankings>

## About the College of Design and Social Context

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RMIT's College of Design & Social Context brings together creative and practical study in the fields of design, technology and society. Comprised of nine schools, the College encompasses a wide variety of disciplines of the built environment, education, media & communication, global & social studies and across all fields of art and design. It is this breadth of expertise and the shared commitment to addressing the most urgent challenges and opportunities of our time through interdisciplinary collaboration that gives the College its unique identity.

Our work makes substantive contributions to sustainability and regenerative futures, global and social justice agendas and exploring the nexus of technology and the human experience. We seek to deepen our understanding and offer possible paths forward for society by addressing these issues with imagination, rigour, and practicality. We do this through excellence in education and research that is future-focused, industry-connected and community engaged.

With over 21,000 students in Australia and Vietnam – from undergraduate students to PhD candidates – learning and researching with a team of over 1000 academics, we are dedicated to fostering an environment that advances knowledge and transforms professional practice. Through our highly respected research centres, groups and international partnerships, the College is having an impact globally with agenda-setting research that informs government policy, supports industry innovation and advances creative practice.

The College has a significant presence in Asia and Europe through higher education programs and active research projects. This includes programs at RMIT's Vietnam campus and with partner organisations in Singapore and Hong Kong, and research activity at RMIT Europe, the University's innovation hub in Barcelona.

The College is recognised globally for its standing across numerous fields with Art and Design maintaining its number one spot in Australia and the Asia-Pacific, and 19th globally, in the 2023 QS World Rankings by Subject. Architecture and the Built Environment ranks second in Australia and 25th globally while Communications and Media Studies is ranked fourth in Australia and in the top 50 globally.

For more information see [www.rmit.edu.au/dsc](http://www.rmit.edu.au/dsc)

## About the School of Fashion and Textiles

The School of Fashion and Textiles is world renowned as a dynamic and progressive educational leader whose impact influences the future of fashion and textiles. Informed by global awareness, astute knowledge of industry, and a commitment to responsible practice, the School leads in creative and entrepreneurial domains. Staff are engaged as both practitioners and researchers, and are active as fashion and textile designers, curators, technology drivers, business innovators and leaders of industry. Their expertise and active engagement with all levels of industry allows students to stay up-to-date with current sector needs throughout their studies, meaning that graduates are highly sought after by industry and can find positions in all areas of the global fashion and textiles value chain. Students make their mark through sustainable and independent design practices and contribute significantly to management and business operations through strategic fashion entrepreneurship.

The School of Fashion and Textiles continues to develop new environments for delivering programs. The main campus at Brunswick houses 'state of the art' facilities, including design studios, enterprise hubs, advanced manufacturing and bespoke making spaces. While the city campus has an integrated design,

making, thinking workshop space for the 4th year of the Bachelor of Fashion (Design) (Honours), and Bachelor of Textiles (Design) (Honours), as well as Masters of Fashion (Design) and creative practice HDR candidates.

For more information, visit <http://www.rmit.edu.au/fashionandtextiles>

### Position Summary

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The Associate Professor will provide leadership and foster excellence in teaching and research efforts of the School, within the University, and with the community, professional, commercial and industrial sectors. More specifically, the Associate Professor is responsible for providing original, innovative and distinguished contributions to the School's programs for maintaining and advancing their scholarly, research and/or professional capabilities relevant to this discipline at a national and international level. The Associate Professor will also teach and make a significant contribution to teaching and learning in the discipline with the aim of improving learning outcomes for students. This may be in Fashion and/or Textile Design or Fashion Enterprise and Sustainable Innovation. The Associate Professor will make a significant contribution to the planning and strategic direction of the School, taking on academic leadership roles involving participation in various committees within the School, College and University and external to the University, as appropriate. The Associate Professor may be appointed as Associate Dean for a specific discipline or to provide strategic leadership for learning and teaching or research and scholarship.

### Reporting Line

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**Reports to:** Dean/Associate Dean, Discipline

**Direct reports:** Contingent on School leadership role

### Organisational Accountabilities

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RMIT University is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of its staff. RMIT and its staff must comply with a range of statutory requirements, including equal opportunity, occupational health and safety, privacy and trade practice. RMIT also expects staff to comply with its policy and procedures, which relate to statutory requirements and our ways of working.

RMIT is committed to providing a safe environment for children and young people in our community. Read about our commitment and child safe practices. <https://www.rmit.edu.au/about/our-locations-and-facilities/facilities/safety-security/child-safety>.

Appointees are accountable for completing training on these matters and ensuring their knowledge and the knowledge of their staff is up to date.

### Key Accountabilities

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1. Lead advancement of teaching in the discipline including initiating program improvements, improving academic standards, leading assessment design, conduct and moderation.
2. Lead research contribution in their discipline at national and international level including: developing highly successful research teams; leading publication effort of research team/s; identifying and attracting external research funding to sustain research growth within the College; supervising higher degree by research candidates.
3. Lead outstanding contribution to the teaching, research and/or scholarship activities of an organisational unit, including a large organisational unit, or interdisciplinary area.
4. Make an outstanding contribution to the governance and collegial life inside and outside of the University.

### Key Selection Criteria

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1. Demonstrated ability to direct an award program/s and implement program improvements and innovative approaches to student-centred learning and quality improvement programs.

2. Nationally recognised research track record including substantial record of research outputs in high quality outlets and emerging international recognition.
3. Extensive experience in research leadership with the ability to build and develop collaborative research teams, mentor academic staff to deliver high quality outcomes, attract and secure external research funding to sustain research effort, manage funded research projects including complex budgets and reporting requirements.
4. Extensive experience in supervising higher degree by research candidates to maximise research performance.
5. Demonstrated ability to lead scholarly development and manage and supervise academic teams and members.
6. Demonstrated understanding of and commitment to financial, governance and quality management systems within a University.
7. Demonstrated high level of interpersonal, communication and negotiating skills including the ability to consult with senior executives, external bodies, produce executive reports, negotiate agreed directions, outcomes and targets within a collaborative environment.
8. Proven ability as an effective member of a management team that develops and achieves shared goals and objectives.

## Qualifications

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**Mandatory:** PhD in relevant field.

Note: Appointment to this position is subject to passing a Working with Children Check and other checks as required by the specific role. Maintaining a valid Working With Children Check is a condition of employment at RMIT.

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