



Position Description – Associate Professor in Psychology

Position Details

Position Title: Associate Professor in Psychology

College/Portfolio: STEM College **School/Group:** School of Health and Biomedical Sciences

Campus Location: Primarily based at the Bundoora campus, but may be required to work at the City campus and/or be based at other campuses of the University.

Classification: Academic Level D

Time Fraction: Full Time

Employment Type: Continuing

Reporting Line: Psychology Discipline Leader

No. of Direct reports: One

RMIT University

RMIT is a global university of technology, design and enterprise, committed to creating transformative experiences for students and making a meaningful impact through research, innovation, and engagement. 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 campuses in Melbourne (City, Brunswick, Bundoora, and Point Cook) are complemented by international campuses in Vietnam and a centre in Barcelona, Spain. We proudly acknowledge the Woi Wurrung and Boon Wurrung peoples of the eastern Kulin Nation on whose unceded lands our campuses are located.

We are deeply committed to reconciliation and Indigenous self-determination, embedding these values throughout our policies, culture and structures.

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

Why Join RMIT?

Our people are at the heart of everything we do. At RMIT, we value innovation, collaboration and impact. Our values are the heart (durrung) of who we are and what we stand for at RMIT. They guide what we do, how we make decisions, and how we treat each other.



Inclusion Imagination Integrity Courage Passion Impact

Learn more about our values: <https://www.rmit.edu.au/about/our-strategy/values>

Organisational Accountabilities

RMIT is committed to the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all staff and students. As a staff member, you are expected to comply with all relevant legislation and RMIT policies, including those related to: Equal opportunity, Occupational health and safety, Privacy and trade practices & Child safety standards:

Appointees are responsible for completing all required training and ensuring that they and their team members remain up to date on relevant compliance obligations.

Staff are expected to understand and support RMIT's child safe practices as part of their professional responsibilities. More about our child safety commitment: <https://www.rmit.edu.au/about/our-locations-and-facilities/facilities/safety-security/child-safety>.

Leadership at RMIT

At RMIT, leadership is not defined by position or hierarchy—it is a shared responsibility demonstrated by all staff, regardless of role or title. Leadership is grounded in our six core values, which guide and shape how we work together, make decisions, and create impact.

Effective leadership means consistently integrating these values into everyday actions and interactions, whether influencing a project outcome, supporting a colleague, or leading a team. All staff are expected to embody the principles of the *Be-Know-Do* Leadership Model:

Be – We are open and authentic, inclusive and empowering. We are purpose driven role models and communicators.

Know – We are self-aware, and understand our stakeholders, our sector and priorities.

Do – We set clear direction and expectations, we develop ourselves and others and promote mutual accountability to deliver results.

At every level, leadership at RMIT is about influence, contribution, and mindset. It is reflected in how we empower others, foster collaboration, and drive positive change through capability-building and alignment to strategic goals.

The School of Health and Biomedical Sciences

The School of Health and Biomedical Sciences comprises three Academic Departments:

- Clinical Sciences
- Health Sciences (Psychology is a discipline within this Department)
- Medical Sciences

Primarily based at the RMIT Bundoora campus, we undertake teaching and research across the disciplines of: Biomedical Science, Laboratory Medicine, Medical Radiations, Nursing, Osteopathy, Chiropractic, Chinese Medicine, Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Science, Physiotherapy and Postgraduate Psychology. Undergraduate Psychology is delivered at RMIT's Melbourne City campus. We also deliver an online Graduate Diploma in Psychology and are the Academic Organisational Unit responsible for the Bachelor of Psychology at two locations in Vietnam.

The School's research was ranked as well above world standard in clinical science, medical physiology, microbiology, complementary and alternative medicine and pharmacology & pharmaceutical sciences, and above world standard in psychology, public health & health service and medical & health sciences. As a School we have a strategic focus on chronic disease and integrative health care with globally distinctive research strengths in respiratory health, neuroinflammation, translational immunology and infection, cancer diagnostics and therapeutics, and cross-cutting themes of: Lifestyle Medicine, Digital Health, Indigenous Health, Ageing in Health & Disease, and Medical Devices, Diagnostics and Prognostics. Research and Learning and Teaching innovation within the School is supported by a large multidisciplinary student-led health clinic (that provides a large proportion of the clinical placement training for Clinical

Psychology students), digital human anatomy facility, state-of-the-art equipment and laboratories as well as a significant number of national and international partners.

<https://www.rmit.edu.au/about/schools-colleges/stem-college>

Position Summary

The Associate Professor of Psychology 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 Discipline of Psychology's programs for maintaining and advancing their scholarly, research and/or professional capabilities at a national and international level. The Associate Professor will also make a significant contribution to teaching and learning in the discipline with the aim of improving learning outcomes for students. 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 Deputy Head to provide strategic leadership for learning and teaching or research and scholarship.

Key Accountabilities

1. Provide strategic and academic leadership of the Discipline in consultation with the Psychology Discipline Leader and assist with coordination of the College's efforts to enhance the student experience.
2. Lead advancement of teaching in Psychology and the School of Health and Biomedical Sciences, including initiating program improvements, improving academic standards, leading assessment design, conduct and moderation.
3. Lead research in Psychology, Health and Biomedical Science 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.
4. Build and maintain effective relationships with internal and external stakeholders through trust, open communication and approaching all situations with a solution focused mindset.
5. Help develop academic staff by working with the Discipline Leader, to provide support, mentoring, work planning and professional development.
6. Advise the Psychology Discipline Leader and School leadership and on strategic and policy directions regarding Psychology
7. Participate in relevant School committees and work across the School leadership team to contribute to the delivery of all key School accountabilities.
8. Be accountable for your own actions and workload to positively influence the team culture and consistently demonstrate RMIT's values.
9. Other tasks as directed within the scope of this classification

Key Selection Criteria

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

Mandatory: PhD in relevant field

Working with Children Check

Appointment to this position is subject to holding a valid Victorian 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.