



## Position Description – Research Assistant

### Position Details

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| <b>Position Title:</b>    | Research Assistant  |
| <b>College/Portfolio:</b> | STEM College  |
| <b>School/Group:</b>      | School of Engineering   |
| <b>Campus Location:</b>   | Based at Bundoora campus but may be required to work and/or be based at other campuses of the University. |
| <b>Classification:</b>    | Academic Level A  |
| <b>Employment Type:</b>   | Fixed Term (Research)   |
| <b>Time Fraction:</b>     | 1.0   |

### RMIT University

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RMIT is a multi-sector university of technology, design and enterprise with more than 96,000 students and close to 10,000 staff globally. 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.

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

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

Our three main campuses in Melbourne are located in the heart of the City, Brunswick and Bundoora. Other locations include Point Cook, Hamilton and Bendigo, 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>

## STEM College

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The STEM College holds a leading position and expertise in the science, technology, engineering, mathematics and health (STEM) fields. We are uniquely positioned to influence and partner with industry, as never before.

STEM College is a community of exceptional STEM researchers, teachers, inventors, designers and game-changers, supported by talented professional staff. We offer higher education programs across all STEM disciplines at the Bachelor, Master and PhD levels, and ensure our students experience an education that is work-aligned and life-changing.

The College is renowned for its exemplary research in many STEM areas including advanced manufacturing and design; computing technologies; health innovation and translational medicine; nano materials and devices; and sustainable systems. Our brilliant researchers attract funding from government and industry sources.

Industry is at the heart of what we do. It ensures our research has real world impact, and our students are truly work-ready. Under the leadership of DVC STEM College & Vice President, Digital Innovation, we have established new hubs of industry-connected digital innovation and endeavour and are engaging with global STEM organisations at scale.

Our diversity and shared values empower our work, and we are proud of the College's inclusive, caring culture. We offer a safe, dynamic work environment, and support every member of our community to achieve their potential. The College appointed Victoria's first ever Dean of STEM, Diversity & Inclusion in 2020, and this role drives gender equity, diversity and inclusion strategies across the College.

STEM College employs 1,000 staff who deliver onshore and offshore programs to approximately 20,000 students.

**We are here to positively impact the world and create the next generation of STEM leaders.**

[www.rmit.edu.au/seh](http://www.rmit.edu.au/seh)

## School of Engineering

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The School of Engineering is based on innovation and creativity. Our disciplines provide programs with flexible pathways to global careers or postgraduate research encompassing:

- aerospace engineering and aviation
- chemical and environmental engineering
- civil and infrastructure engineering
- electrical and biomedical engineering
- electronic and telecommunications engineering
- mechanical and automotive engineering
- manufacturing, materials and mechatronics engineering.

## Position Summary

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The Research Assistant will undertake research activities in line with the University's research strategy. It is expected that you will work with an increasing degree of autonomy as skills and experience develop.

## Reporting Line

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Reports to: Distinguished Professor, Civil Infrastructure Engineering

## 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. Conduct research/scholarly activities under limited supervision either independently or as a member of a team including: publishing and presenting research outputs at conferences and research forums; contributing to external research funding submissions; participating in supervision of higher degree by research candidates.
2. May undertake limited teaching and supervision at undergraduate levels as required.
3. Undertake administration related to the position.
4. Undertake research and development activities related to the ARC Laureate Fellowship project.
5. Develop collaborations with national and international researchers, particularly focussing on linkages between engineering and architecture.
6. Contribute to the successful project management of the research by completing assigned work at the required level and within agreed timeframes.
7. Participate in annual work planning and performance management processes.
8. Perform other duties that may be required for the efficient operation of the research team.

## Key Selection Criteria

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1. Excellent track record and high-quality research outputs in one or more of the following areas: (1) design and construction of innovative structures; (2) digital design for free-form architecture; (3) high-performance computation, cloud computing, computer programming and graphic user interface; (4) robotic fabrication and advanced manufacturing technologies.
2. Demonstrated ability to work effectively both as a member of a research team and independently when required, to meet project outcomes and milestones.
3. Ability to supervise higher degree by research students.
4. Ability to build effective networks with colleagues and generate research funding through effective liaison with industry and government.
5. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills appropriate for interacting with research students, staff and external stakeholders, together with a strong commitment to teamwork and multidisciplinary collaboration.

## Qualifications

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### Mandatory:

Qualification in the relevant discipline area and have commenced or enrolled to commence their PhD.

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.