# Position Description – Senior Lecturer

## Position Details

**Position Title:** Senior Lecturer

**College/Portfolio:** College of Design and Social Context

**School/Group:** School of Education

**Campus Location:** Primarily based at Bundoora West campus, and the potential to work across other RMIT campuses as required.

**Classification:** Academic Level C **Time Fraction:** 1.0FTE

**Employment Type:** Continuing

**Reporting Line:** Dean, School of Education

**No. of Direct reports:** 0

## 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 College of Design & Social Context

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

### The School of Education

The School of Education is one school within the College of Design and Social Context and offers undergraduate and postgraduate studies in education, pre-service teacher education, early childhood education, educational research, professional learning and short courses.

The school is committed to teaching, research and engagement that improves the quality of education, work and life for people and systems in formal and informal settings. Collaborating with a variety of partners, we strive to co-create teaching, learning and professional development experiences that are engaging, industry responsive and evidence informed. The school's research is innovative, with academic staff and HDR students employing a variety of traditional and cutting-edge methods and theories that contribute to our understanding of education in domestic and international education settings. We examine important educational issues, and work to contribute new insights that will advance equity, excellence, and efficiency that benefits individuals and educational organisations in the spirit of reconciliation.

## Position Summary

The Senior Lecturer will contribute to the teaching and research efforts of the School. The incumbent is to make a significant contribution to the delivery of programs and to be actively involved in research, consulting and other professional activities. The Senior Lecturer will develop, engage in and lead high quality research projects that are aligned with the University's research focus areas to achieve success in attracting research funding and to produce high quality outputs. The Senior Lecturer will have an important research leadership role in embedding their research expertise into the life of the School and will be required to develop high-quality, productivity-driven networks across RMIT and with local, national and global, internal and external partners. The Senior Lecturer may have responsibility for program management.

## Key Accountabilities

1. Make original contributions in teaching and/or scholarship which expand knowledge or practice within the discipline including: designing, conducting and moderating assessment; implementing improvements informed by course evaluation activities and student feedback.
2. Conduct and lead high quality research, recognised at the national level: developing highly successful research teams; managing research projects and programs within timelines and budget and ensuring compliance with quality and reporting requirements; regularly publishing research results in high quality outlets as lead author and in collaboration with other researchers; identifying appropriate funding sources and prepare successful external research funding submissions; supervising higher degree by research candidates.
3. Participate in School and College strategy development and governance and make a significant contribution to administration activities of an organisational unit or an interdisciplinary area at undergraduate, honours and postgraduate level, which may include program management of a large award program or a number of smaller award programs.

## Key Selection Criteria

1. Demonstrated ability to coordinate large courses and prepare and delivery programs at undergraduate and post-graduate levels, including high quality curriculum and program materials and ability to implement innovative approaches to student-centred learning and quality improvement.
2. Ability to manage a large program or a number of small programs.
3. Demonstrated ability to support student issues related to effective learning.
4. Emerging nationally recognised research track record including substantial record of research outputs in high quality outlets.
5. 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 and manage funded research projects including complex budgets and reporting requirements.
6. Extensive experience in supervising higher degree by research candidates to maximise research performance.
7. Demonstrated ability to manage academic program team, supporting scholarly development of less experienced academic staff.
8. Demonstrated understanding of and commitment to financial, governance and quality management systems within a university.
9. 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.

## Qualifications

**Mandatory:** PhD or equivalent in a relevant field.

**Preferred:** Completion of the Intro to Learning and Teaching Course (Login required) or possess (or eligible to apply for) appropriate HEA Fellowship (login required).

## 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.