

Lecturer (Social Work) / Senior Lecturer (Social Work)

POSITION NUMBER	960582
COLLEGE / DEPARTMENT	Allied Health Program, College of Sport, Health, and Engineering
LOCATION/CAMPUS	The position is currently located at the Footscray Park Campus of the University.
CLASSIFICATION	Teaching and Research Academic – Level B/C

OVERALL PURPOSE

The overall purpose of the Lecturer/ Senior Lecturer in Social Work position is to contribute to the Social Work discipline at Victoria University. The lecturer/senior lecturer will achieve this through undertaking innovative and student-centred teaching practice, be an active researcher as well as contribute to the social work team through initiatives that further strengthen the discipline of social work at Victoria University.

ORGANISATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Victoria University has a bold and ambitious new vision and a seven-year strategic plan characterised by five strategic drivers. Victoria University's Strategic Plan 2022-2028, Start Well, finish brilliantly, also commits the University to the bold ambition to be a global leader in dual sector learning and research by 2028.

VU has innovated a new pedagogic and curriculum approach: the VU Block Model. This, along with the VU First Year College, has been one of the leading learning and teaching innovations in the Australian tertiary education sector over the past decade. Our embedded VU Polytechnic is a leading TAFE provider, renowned for its industry collaboration and its digital innovation in delivery. As a result, Doing Dual Differently is one of our five core drivers and points of uniqueness.

At Victoria University, our research is focused on the development and sustained application of ethical knowledge in all its forms, done in partnership and collaboration, to address the challenges of people, places and planet. In 2022, VU launched its Research and Impact Plan 2023-2028 and is one of the top ten sports science universities in the world with more recent, yet equally profound, achievements in health sciences; immunology; green engineering; the circular economy; and First Nations

STRATEGIC DRIVERS

To achieve our vision, we have identified five Strategic Drivers, with a high-level objective, and the goals to get us to our 2028 target. Our vision is big and ambitious. It is also achievable.

1. Doing Dual Differently
2. Partnering with Principle
3. Maximising Research with Impact

- 4. Protecting Country
- 5. A Thriving Place to Study and Work

VISION

To be a global leader in dual sector learning and research by 2028.

PURPOSE

Victoria University emboldens its people to design their future and has a deep commitment to Protecting Country.

This role sits within the Allied Health Program within the College of Sport, Health, and Engineering. The mission of the Allied Health program at Victoria University is to enhance health and quality of life through discovery, dissemination, and application of evidence-based knowledge regarding relevant health disciplines. This mission will be achieved through empowering students from diverse countries and cultures, socioeconomic and educational backgrounds, to be successful lifelong learners, grow their skills and capabilities for the changing world of work. Students will grow to be confident, creative, ethical, and respectful, local and global citizens. The operations of the Allied Health disciplines and this position are currently located at the Footscray Park Campus of the University though this position may be relocated to any other existing or future University work location. It is expected that staff travel to various campuses for meetings, teaching classes and other required activities as necessary.

An organisation chart is attached.

MAJOR CHALLENGES / FREEDOM TO ACT

This position reports to the Head of Program, Allied Health and operates within the University policies, procedures and guidelines. The position works with the head of discipline, social work, along with a team of social work academics to deliver social work education and undertake impactful research.

The incumbent will be expected to contribute to the development of strong relationships that link the discipline with relevant staff across the university as well as with external sector organisations.

MAJOR DUTIES PERFORMED

In performing the following duties the incumbent is required to comply with quality assurance policies and procedures, and other relevant legislative requirements applicable to the University.

The major duties performed are:

1. Work with the social work team and relevant other staff to develop high quality materials to teach and convene units in social work;
2. Participate in administrative duties and academic leadership such as course or unit Convenor, attend and at times chair discipline and college meetings and/or membership of a number of committees;
3. Independently prepare and deliver curriculum content, including unit coordination, marking, assessment and consultation with students;
4. Provide academic supervision to students undertaking research theses, as relevant;

5. Develop and maintain a strong collaborative network of industry contacts;
6. Initiate, develop and conduct high quality and impactful research projects in collaboration with others in the university, key industry partners and other external organisations;
7. Seek and apply for research funding in collaboration with other colleagues and relevant sector organisations;
8. Identify, assess, prioritise and control risks to the health and safety of staff, students, visitors and contractors to the environment arising from the operation of the area under their responsibility, and ensure that a safe system of work is developed and followed through appropriate training, supervision and monitoring in line with the annual OH&S Plan.
9. Contribute to the academic service, collegiality and engagement, including efficient management of internal service roles

SELECTION CRITERIA

Essential

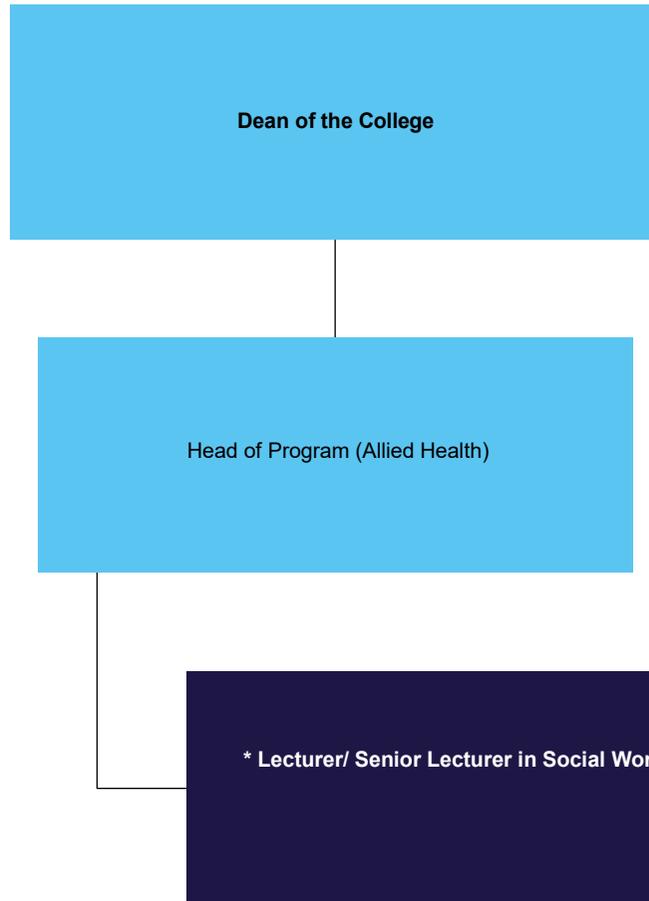
1. Eligible for Membership of the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).
2. Completion of a master's level qualification or equivalent.
3. PhD qualification in an area relevant to social work (senior lecturer) or enrolment/ ability to enrol in a PhD program (lecturer).
4. A track record of publications in high quality peer-reviewed journals and/or other publications which demonstrate research impact (senior lecturer) or ability to develop a research profile relevant to social work (lecturer).
5. Demonstrated experience and excellence in the development and teaching of innovative academic programs in the higher education sector (senior lecturer). Experience teaching in higher education or equivalent (lecturer).
6. Evidence of strong collaborations in academia, industry, government and/or community and a collaborative approach to learning and teaching and/or research.
7. Demonstrated high-level communication skills, both verbal and written.
8. Hold, or eligible for, a Working with Children Check Card and all other mandatory requirements, including full COVID-19 vaccination.
9. Awareness of OHS responsibilities and willingness to attend OHS training as required.

Desirable

10. Demonstrated involvement in community and/or professional bodies, including knowledge of Melbourne's West and its community service network.
11. Demonstrated experience and successful track record in supervision of honours and higher degree students to successful completion.

Organisational Chart

College of Sport, Health and Engineering



 Management Positions

 *Denotes the Vacant Position Advertised