

Position Description

Director, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS)

Position No:	50004715
Organisation Unit:	Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society
Faculty:	Health Sciences
Campus/Location:	Melbourne (City Campus)
Classification:	LEVE RES - Professor
<u>Base Salary Range:</u>	As per employment contract
Employment Type:	Fixed term (5 years) contract Full time
Position Supervisor Number:	HOS, Public Health & Human Biosciences 50018603
Other Benefits:	http://www.latrobe.edu.au/jobs/working/benefits

Further information about:

La Trobe University - <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/about>

Faculty of Health Sciences – <http://latrobe.edu.au/health>

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Position Context

Established in 1992, the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health & Society (ARCSHS) is a multidisciplinary research centre in the Faculty of Health Sciences, La Trobe University. The primary research focus of the Centre includes a broad range of social, gender, cultural and educational issues associated with sex, sexuality and sexual health. The Centre addresses national research priorities in the areas of blood borne viruses, and sexually transmissible infections, including HIV. ARCSHS has an additional focus on sexuality and health and wellbeing. The Centre currently has more than 35 academic staff and holds major research grants, including nationally competitive grants, and consultancies. ARCSHS attracts postgraduate students nationally and internationally and provides post graduate and other training courses.

ARCSHS is aligned with the School of Public Health and Human Biosciences, which has 100 FTE academic staff and an operating budget of approximately \$25m.

A Level E research academic will typically have achieved international recognition through original, innovative and distinguished contributions to his or her field of research, which is demonstrated by sustained and distinguished performance.

A Level E research academic will provide leadership in his or her field of research, within their institution, discipline and/or profession and within the scholarly and/or general community. He or she will foster excellence in research, research policy and research training.

Position purpose

Primary Objective

To provide professorial leadership to foster excellence in research in sex, health and society with the primary goal of improving the health and wellbeing of all Australians.

Specific Duties

- Planning, management, evaluation and continual improvement of a large research program relating to sex, health and society, including achievement of agreed performance indicators.
- Academic leadership to a multidisciplinary team of public health, social and behavioural researchers and health and educational professionals to work collaboratively as partners in research, education, advocacy and health promotion programs.
- Management of a range of relationships with external funding bodies including federal and state health and education departments.
- Conduct of research in the area of sex, health and society, including team and project leadership and academic and wider dissemination of the research
- Participation in community and professional activities related to sex, health and society, including involvement in, and support of, health professional training and community education.
- Maintenance of the Centre's advocacy role in relation to the broad socio-economic, psychological and cultural issues which impact on the sexual health and wellbeing of Australians.
- Supervision of research and administrative employees within ARCSHS, including fostering the research of other groups and individuals within ARCSHS and more broadly within the Faculty.
- Maintenance of the strong culture of postgraduate research student training.
- Responsibility for the oversight of financial management of grants.
- Contribution to the development of policy within ARCSHS, the School of Public Health and Human Biosciences and the Faculty.
- Representation of the Faculty and the University on external boards and consultations.

Key Selection Criteria

- A record of outstanding academic achievement in the area of sex, health and society, including a relevant doctorate or equivalent.
- Evidence of strong connections with international and Australian research networks.
- Demonstrated experience to coordinate and lead research and education programs.
- Demonstrated familiarity with national strategies and priority setting in the areas of sex, health and society.
- Demonstrated experience in community engagement and education, and the translation of research into community settings.
- Experience in academic leadership and research dissemination, with the capacity to maintain and develop the profile of the Centre within the University, the community, government (all levels) and internationally.
- A commitment to fostering staff and higher degree student development and collegiality in achieving a productive workplace and facilitate a culture of collaboration, support and respect.
- Demonstrated experience in administrative management of large research programs, including strong financial management.

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Faculty of Health Sciences Proposed Structure

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School of Allied Health

Department of Physiotherapy

Department of Podiatry

Department of Occupational Therapy

Department of Clinical Vision Sciences

Department of Human Communication Sciences

National Institute for Deaf Studies

National Centre for Prosthetics and Orthotics

Department of Social Work and Social Policy

Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition

Musculoskeletal Research Centre

School of Nursing and Midwifery

Department of Nursing

Department of Midwifery

Mother and Child Health Research

Aust Institute for Primary Care and Ageing

School of Public Health and Human Biosciences

Department of Human Biosciences

Department of Public Health

Department of Community Health

Department of Health Information Management

Department of Counselling and Psychological Health

Bouverie Centre

Aust Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society

La Trobe Rural Health School

Department of Dentistry and Oral Health

Department of Allied Health

Department of Rural Nursing and Midwifery

Department of Paramedical Studies

Department of Health and Environment

Department of Rural Human Biosciences