THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title	Associate Professor [Law]
Classification	Level D (Teaching and Research)
School/Division	UWA Law School
Centre/Section	UWA Law School
Supervisor Title	Dean and Head of School
Supervisor Position Number	302419
Position Number	

Your work area

Established in 1927, UWA Law School is the fifth oldest Law School in Australia and is Western Australia's premier Law School. We have a long and proud history of academic excellence, providing a broad range of education programs and leading research projects with impact. We are committed to contributing to our local, national and international communities with the continuing valued support of our alumni and national and international partners.

The Law School comprises over fifty scholars engaged in teaching and research in law, socio-legal studies and criminology. Alongside our qualifying law degree – the post-graduate Juris Doctor (JD), the Law School offers three undergraduate majors (Business Law, Law and Society, and Criminology), a Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, and several Masters courses. Continually evolving to meet current and future challenges, we have a particular focus on the Indigenisation of the curriculum, internationalisation and multi-disciplinarity. Our academic staff have been drawn from top universities around the world and have broad-ranging expertise in delivering quality teaching programs.

Scholars within the Law School are engaged in a diverse range of legal and socio-legal research areas covering public, private, international and domestic law, as well as socio legal and justice studies, and criminology. Our scholars attract competitive research funding and play leading roles in law reform and policy development, both domestically and internationally. Our research projects are focused on producing valuable scholarship with real-world impact through a variety of written outputs (books, journal articles, research reports, and submissions) as well as disseminating information through public lectures, workshops, online and within our taught programs.

Reporting structure

Reports to: Head of School

Your role

You will undertake a leadership role in fostering best practice teaching, research and engagement related to Indigenous peoples

You will teach into the School offerings, including potentially the core, with teaching relevant to experience and expertise.

You will undertake research and research engagement activities appropriate to an academic in your field of expertise and at their level of appointment.

In addition, you will contribute, both internally and externally, to the Law School and broader University and external community.

Your key responsibilities

Contributes to outstanding teaching and learning outcomes

- Undertake excellent and innovative teaching and unit coordination.
- Provide leadership in the development of undergraduate and/or postgraduate education policy and curricula to ensure an excellent student experience, including content related to Indigenous peoples.
- Contribute to the supervision of undergraduate and/or postgraduate students.

Contributes to research outcomes within discipline or area of expertise

- Create significant new knowledge in the discipline and disseminate it through publication in peer reviewed journals with a focus on creating impact.
- Develop a comprehensive network of contacts with local, national and international universities for the purposes of research collaboration and fostering best practice research related to Indigenous peoples.

Service and Engagement

- Build relationships across legal professional and higher education contexts to foster and promote best practice engagement with Indigenous peoples in legal contexts.
- Make an outstanding contribution to the governance and collegial life within the School, across the University and more broadly outside the institution.
- Work within the legislative requirements of the University and promote the University's commitment to inclusion and diversity.
- Represent and promote UWA through significant involvement in professional associations, conferences, non-academic (e.g., government, not-for-profit, industry) partnerships, and other external activities.
- Undertake administrative duties as required in relation to the above teaching and research supervision.

Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)

Qualifications and / or certifications

- Completion of a professional Law degree (Bachelor of Laws or Juris Doctor); and
- Either:
    - PhD or progress towards the completion of a PhD; or
    - Progress towards the completion of a PhD together with significant additional industry or professional experience.

Teaching and learning

- Demonstrated track record of sustained excellence in leading the development and delivery of tertiary curricula and in the development of innovative teaching approaches, assessment and materials for units and courses related to Indigenous peoples, or, demonstrated track record of leading the development and delivery of initiatives to educate the profession and other stakeholders regarding legal issues affecting Indigenous peoples and in the development of innovative approaches to engage Indigenous peoples with the law.
- Demonstrated effectiveness in the mentoring of colleagues.

Research

- An outstanding track record in research evidenced by a series of peer-reviewed journal articles and other publications with research impact; or a track record of leading and managing programs and other initiatives related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in legal contexts.
- Demonstrated capacity to build sustainable research partnerships with other organisations.
- Ability to supervise HDR students.

Service/ Engagement

- Demonstrable experience of leading activities that foster Indigenous engagement in legal contexts and promote understanding of Indigenous legal issues in post-secondary institutions and/or government or industry.
- Demonstrated ability to positively lead team, school and wider University activities such as team and school meetings, strategic planning and program development.

Special requirements (selection criteria)

Aboriginality is a requirement for this position under Section 50(d) of the WA Equal Opportunity Act 1984.

Compliance

Ensure you are aware of and comply with legislation and University policy relevant to the duties undertaken, including:

To learn more about the Code of Conduct, see Code of Conduct.

To learn more about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, see Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

To learn more about Safety, Health and Wellbeing, see Safety, Health and Wellbeing.