

## Position Description – Research Fellow in Psychology

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| POSITION DETAILS    |  |
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| College             | College of Education, Psychology and Social Work |
| Organisational Unit | Psychology                                       |
| Supervisor          | Project Chief Investigator                       |
| Classification      | Research (Academic) Level B                      |
| Employment Type     | Fixed-term, part-time (0.5 FTE)                  |

| POSITION SUMMARY   |
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| <p>The Research Fellow will undertake research under the broad direction of Chief Investigator, as part of an Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence in Plants for Space. The Centre, led from the University of Adelaide, aims to create on-demand, zero-waste, high efficiency plants and plant products to address grand challenges in sustainability for Space and on Earth.</p> <p>The Research Fellow will join a multi-disciplinary team in plant, food, and sensory science; process and systems engineering; law and policy; and psychology to deliver transformative solutions for Space habitation and create enhanced plant-derived food and bioresources to capitalise upon emergent and rapidly expanding domestic and global markets. In working with the Chief Investigator and research team, the position will contribute to project design and implementation, the analysis of data and the preparation of manuscripts for publication.</p> <p>The Research Fellow will actively report on new and current research related to the research program, through generation of high-quality publications and conference presentations. In addition, the position will contribute to the preparation of applications for externally funded research funding.</p> <p>The Research Fellow will assist with the supervision of Honours and post-graduate research projects.</p> |

| UNIVERSITY EXPECTATIONS AND VALUES  |
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| <p>All staff at Flinders are responsible for understanding their obligations and responsibilities as set out in the University's code of conduct and are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• demonstrate commitment to the University's values of Integrity, Courage, Innovation, Excellence and the underlying ethos of being Student Centred;</li> <li>• contribute to the efficient and effective functioning of the team or work unit in order to meet the University's objectives. This includes demonstrating appropriate and professional workplace behaviours, providing assistance to team members if required and undertaking other key responsibilities or activities as directed by one's supervisor;</li> <li>• promote and support an inclusive workplace culture which values diversity and embraces the principles of equal opportunity;</li> <li>• perform their responsibilities in a manner which reflects and responds to continuous improvement; and</li> <li>• familiarise themselves and comply with the University's Work Health and Safety, Injury Management and Equal Opportunity policies.</li> </ul> |

### KEY POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

The Research Fellow in Psychology is accountable for:

- Actively contributing to the research project by collaborating with the Research Team to successfully deliver project milestones and Key Performance Indicators.
- Independently contributing to the planning and execution of research by offering new and innovative ideas, reviewing relevant literature and other sources of information, actively participating in the production of data, contributing to the writing and editing of grant applications and attending seminars, meetings and conferences.
- Playing a lead role in coordinating, planning and executing the project tasks required to collaborate with industry partners.
- Independently contributing to ethical, high quality and innovative research and evaluation through activities such as scholarship, publishing in recognised high quality journals and assisting the preparation and submission of bids for external research funding.
- Supervision of honours and post graduate research projects.
- Establishing and maintaining collaborations within the University, and at State, national and international levels in order to improve research outputs, publications, and research impact and translation.
- Some out of hours work (including weekends) as well as rural SA, interstate and overseas travel, may be required.
- Any other responsibilities in line with the level of the position as assigned by the Supervisor and/or the University.

*A National Police Certificate which is satisfactory to the University will be required by Flinders University before the successful applicant can commence in this position.*

*In addition, it is a requirement of this position that the incumbent maintain a current Working With Children Check which is satisfactory to the University in accordance with the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016 (SA).*

*An up to date COVID-19 vaccination may be required as a condition of employment, in accordance with the Flinders University [COVID-19 Vaccination Policy \(2022\)](#). If required, any offer of employment will be subject to the successful candidate presenting their COVID-19 Digital Certificate as evidence of vaccination or showing evidence of a valid medical exemption, where relevant.*

### KEY POSITION CAPABILITIES

- Completion of a PhD in Psychology.
- Demonstrated research experience in terms of publications in high quality publications, attraction of external competitive grants and presentations at a national and/or international level in Psychology.
- Demonstrated experience in qualitative and quantitative research methodology.
- Demonstrated experience delivering project targets on time.
- Demonstrated ability to plan and execute data collection and analysis.
- Demonstrated well-developed interpersonal skills and experience in collaborating and engaging with diverse stakeholders and industry partners.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and collaboratively in a team to achieve project goals and meet agreed deadlines.
- Demonstrated ability to critically review the literature in relevant fields.
- Demonstrated experience to undertake collaborative research and establish and maintain effective relationships with staff and industry.
- Demonstrated excellent oral and written communication skills in an academic environment.