

## UWS POSITION STATEMENT

### **POSITION DETAILS:**

**Position Title: Professor/Associate Professor in Human Movement and Health**

**Establishment No:**

**School/Office: School of Biomedical and Health Sciences**

**College/Division: College of Health and Science**

### **CONTEXT:**

The University of Western Sydney is a large multi-campus university servicing a diverse range of students. The School of Biomedical and Health Sciences at the University of Western Sydney is one of six schools within the College of Health and Science. The school takes pride in educating students in an environment that is contemporary, challenging, and adapted to a rapidly evolving world. The school's teaching and research programs cover a broad range of professional and other disciplines including:

- Sport and exercise science
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)
- Occupational Therapy
- Podiatry
- Complementary medicine including traditional Chinese medicine and naturopathy
- Other health areas including public health, health promotion, aged care management, health services management, and therapeutic recreation
- Medical science
- Biomolecular science
- Biological and chemical sciences
- Nanotechnology and medical physics

We seek a forward thinking leader and innovative scholar to take on the newly-established role of Professor (Level E) or Associate Professor (Level D) in the field of Human Movement and Health. In particular, the appointee would work closely with, and provide leadership to, the sport and exercise science, PDHPE, therapeutic recreation and health promotion faculty and programs.

The appointee will be based at the Campbelltown Campus of UWS, although multi-campus activities may be required.

### **PURPOSE/MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The successful applicant will foster interdisciplinary collaboration among existing faculty to leverage our intellectual capital, while building strong research teams and networks both internally and within the wider Australian and international communities. The appointee will be expected to be involved in a range of academic activities including the coordination and teaching of relevant units within the school. The appointee will be expected to conduct and lead significant research and supervise undergraduate and postgraduate students in their area of expertise.

The appointee will be required to take on leadership roles within their discipline area.

### **REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS:**

The position reports to the Head of School of Biomedical and Health Sciences, and will be subject to the University's Annual Performance, Planning and Review (APPR) process.

### **SCOPE:**

A Level E academic is expected to have attained recognition as an eminent National or International authority in their discipline. A Level E academic is expected to make original, innovative, and distinguished contributions to scholarship, research, and teaching in their discipline, and to make a commensurate leadership contribution to the School and the University. A Level D academic is expected to make significant contributions to the research and teaching efforts of the School and University, including the supervision of honours and postgraduate research students. A Level D academic will be expected to provide leadership in, and foster excellence in, research relevant to their discipline area.

Professors and Associate Professors are expected to contribute to the strategic directions of the School, and all Professors of the University are expected to contribute actively to the governance processes of the University.

### **KEY FUNCTIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES:**

#### **Research**

- Build a significant research team and research culture in areas relevant to Human Movement and Health, with sustained successful competitive grant activity and collaboration across relevant health, medical, sport and recreation, physical education, and other sectors.
- Undertake and lead research and supervision of undergraduate and postgraduate research students in collaboration (where relevant) with other academic staff
- Publish high-quality research articles
- Prepare and submit quality external research grant proposals
- Identify, attract, and develop quality research students to enhance the future of Human Movement and Health and its disciplines
- Deliver research seminars within the School and wider University

#### **Education and learning**

- Participate actively in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and enhance the interactions between undergraduate teaching and research to facilitate the transition of undergraduate students to honours and postgraduate study
- Contribute to the development, coordination, and evaluation of education programs in the area of Human Movement and Health. In particular, this would include programs such as sport and exercise science, PDHPE, therapeutic recreation, and health promotion
- Ensure that the design, development, delivery, and assessment of units offered, and the learning resources associated with these, are contemporary

#### **Other**

- Contribute to the leadership of programs related to Human Movement and Health, and the School more generally
- Facilitate and maintain good communication with staff and students
- Participate in administration and attendance at meetings as required within the School, College, and University

- Actively pursue personal professional development, and provide opportunities for mentoring and development of junior staff
- Contribute to relevant governance and professional bodies as leader and member
- Ensure compliance with Occupational Health and Safety obligations imposed on employers and employees under Sections 15 and 22 of the NSW Occupational Health and Safety Act 2001, and the Occupation Health and Safety duties and responsibilities of Management, Supervisors and employees contained in the UWS's Policy and Procedures Manual.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- PhD or equivalent in an area relevant to Human Movement and Health (e.g., sport and exercise science, physical activity, human movement, PDHPE)
- A broad-based knowledge of Human Movement and Health and its applications
- Extensive demonstrated experience in quality teaching at tertiary level, including ability to facilitate learning in small and large groups, and to utilise forms of blended learning
- Demonstrated curriculum development skills and experience
- Demonstrated experience in the supervision of honours and higher degree research students (including doctoral students)
- Demonstrated experience in progressing research initiatives from inception through to publication. Evidence of a significant track record in achieving high-quality publications in peer-reviewed international journals is required.
- Experience in writing and leading successful research grant proposals, and in leading research teams.
- Evidence of experience in leadership roles, including research leadership
- The ability to foster interdisciplinary collaboration in research and teaching
- Demonstrated experience in meaningful community engagement and partnership initiatives
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, including interpersonal skills and the ability to work effectively in a team
- A demonstrated understanding of the principles of equal opportunity, equity and occupational health and safety and the willingness and capacity to implement equal opportunity, equity and occupational health and safety plans and programs

**Date Position Statement Last Reviewed:**

**Date Position Statement Last Classified:**