

Research Ethics Liaison Officer

Office of Research Ethics and Integrity

Academic Division



the university
for the real world

About QUT

QUT is a major Australian university with a global outlook and a 'real world' focus. We are one of the nation's fastest growing research universities and our courses are in high demand.

We are an ambitious and collaborative institution that seeks to equip our students and graduates with the skills they will need in an increasingly disrupted and challenged world. We are transforming the student experience we offer our 50,000 students and we place a premium on the international and national accreditation of our various professional degrees.

Our internationally award-winning Science and Engineering Centre is home to The Cube, acknowledged as one of the world's largest digital interactive learning and display spaces. QUT established the world's first Creative Industries Faculty, and we invest heavily in collaborative learning and interdisciplinary research environments, including the \$95M Education Precinct.

Further information about QUT can be obtained from the website at www.qut.edu.au.

Our Vision

QUT's [Blueprint 6](#) is our institutional strategic plan. The Blueprint formalises QUT's ambitions and declares our strong sense of purpose which is to provide transformative education and research relevant to our communities. It provides a framework and strategies to enable QUT to realise our vision to be the university for the real world and identifies the following priorities:

- support aspiration and inclusion
- encourage creativity and entrepreneurship
- embrace digital transformation and technology
- embed principles of health and wellbeing
- support Indigenous Australian engagement, success and empowerment
- enable professional engagement and ethical leadership and,
- focus on the environment and sustainability

Aligned to and supporting our vision are the QUT Values. These Values highlight what makes QUT distinct and successful. Providing a compass for our decisions, actions and behaviours and strengthening our community.

QUT Values

- Ambition
- Curiosity
- Innovation
- Integrity
- Inclusiveness

About Research and Innovation

QUT has experienced the strongest, sustained research growth of any university in the sector over the last ten years. The scale and complexity of research at QUT has reached a level that requires enhanced processes and resources to support the University's research community in meeting its aspirations and compliance obligations.

The Portfolio of R&I provides high quality support and training and conducts compliance and reporting across a range of obligations at an organisational level in an environment of dynamic growth in cross institutional collaborations.

The Portfolio is currently comprised of five units including (but not limited to):

Office of Research Services (ORS) provides high quality support and assistance to QUT staff, students, collaborators and partners to identify, attract and manage funding from competitive, commercial, programmatic and consultancy sources. The Office also manages the university's research management platforms and coordinates internal and external research reporting.

Office of Research Ethics and Integrity (OREI) assists researchers in seeking ethical approval and governance of all human, animal and biological related research and in meeting statutory and research integrity obligations. OREI arranges research integrity, ethics and biosafety training.

Office of eResearch capitalises on digital disruption to deliver high-impact, transdisciplinary research. The Office works in partnership with researchers and end users to develop technological solutions that solve real-world problems by understanding the research question, bringing clarity to the technical and socio-technical challenges and applying leading-edge technology to develop solutions that meet the needs of QUT's stakeholders.

Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research and Development)

- **Graduate Research Centre (GRC)** provides support and advice to higher degree research (HDR) candidates and supervisors across the HDR lifecycle including admissions and enrolment, award and administration of scholarships, candidature management and thesis examination.
- **Graduate Research Education and Development (GRE+D)** supports learning and skills development for all research students and their supervisors, thereby preparing industry and work ready research graduates.

About the Position

The Research Ethics Administration Officer is a member of, and provides administrative support for, the Human Research Ethics Advisory Team. This team works collaboratively with a wide range of stakeholders across the University to ensure ethical conduct of research activities at the University.

This position reports to the Research Ethics Coordinator (Human) for supervision, workload management and for Performance Planning and Review (PPR).

Key responsibilities include:

- Providing prompt and accurate advice and support to research students and staff regarding human ethics application processes and requirements.
- Assisting with the delivery of the human research ethics training programs.
- Working with the University community, the human research ethics advisory network, and the Chair of the University Human Research Ethics Committee.
- Providing general support to the Human Research Ethics Coordinator as required.
- Maintaining comprehensive records including the University Records Management databases to ensure compliance with NHMRC guidelines and QUT policies.
- Compliance with health and safety policies, procedures, hazard reporting and safe work practices.

To ensure job flexibility the successful appointee may be required to:

- perform any other duties as nominated by the University consistent with the relevant classification descriptors detailed in the Enterprise Agreement. Staff undertaking any new duties will receive training;
- participate in job rotation or multiskilling in consultation with their supervisor;
- work across campuses.

Type of appointment

This appointment will be offered on an ongoing, full-time basis.

Location

Kelvin Grove campus.

Selection Criteria

1. Education, training and/or relevant experience equivalent to completion of a degree with subsequent relevant experience.
2. Experience with procedures associated with the submission of research ethics applications and an understanding of the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007(updated 2018) and other relevant guidelines.
3. Demonstrated ability to give attention to detail, manage time and high-volume tasks efficiently and meet tight deadlines within the context of competing priorities.
4. Ability in applying problem solving skills to non-routine situations to achieve excellent outcomes specifically in a client-focused role.
5. Demonstrated digital literacy including ability to effectively work with Microsoft suite of products as well as communication software and content management systems, along with the ability to quickly learn new technologies.
6. Demonstrated ability to work effectively as a member of a team to achieve team-based outcomes, as well as independently with minimal supervision, to achieve high-quality business outcomes.
7. High level interpersonal, written and oral communication skills, including the ability to establish and maintain collaborative provide clear and consistent advice relating to research ethics to the University community.

8. Genuine commitment to the provision of high level client service as demonstrated by a professional, friendly and pro-active attitude.

Remuneration and Benefits

The classification for this position is Higher Education Worker Level 5 (HEW5) which has an annual remuneration range of \$79,654 to \$89,842 pa. Which is inclusive of an annual salary range of \$67,883 to \$76,566 pa and 17% superannuation.

In July 2020 QUT staff voted in favour of a variation to its Enterprise Agreements. The variations were approved by the Fair Work Commission in August 2020.

The variation impacts leave loading (for new staff no loading will be paid or accrued during the period the variation is in effect), salary increases (the salary increase which was due to occur in the first full pay period of December 2020 has been deferred until the first full pay period of December 2021) and superannuation (superannuation will be paid to staff as though the salary increase which would have been paid in December 2020 has taken effect and, subject to the rules of the superannuation fund, a defined benefit member will continue to make contributions in alignment with the contributions made by the University). A link to the variation is [here](#).

Beyond personal and professional fulfilment, a career at QUT brings a broad range of tangible benefits. With competitive remuneration including superannuation, the University offers real and generous benefits.

QUT is a high quality and flexible organisation that is proud of its excellent employment conditions which include but are not limited to:

- Reduced working year scheme
- Parental leave provisions
- Study support encompassing leave and financial assistance
- Comprehensive professional development
- Salary Packaging

Further benefits can be found at the [Working at QUT](#) page.

Information for applicants

The position is open to any ongoing, fixed-term, casual or sessional staff member. This includes any staff member who was employed by QUT on or after 23 April 2020. Indigenous Australians who have not been employed by QUT previously are also eligible and are encouraged to apply.

For further information about the position, please contact Nicola Pritchard, Research Ethics Coordinator (Human), on (07) 3138 2091; or for further information about working at QUT contact Human Resources on (07) 3138 4104.

QUT is proud to be an inaugural Athena SWAN charter member. We have extensive and established support programs for women in STEMM. For more information on the Athena SWAN charter, contact Tracy Straughan on (07) 3138 1584.

Candidates who are interested in the position are encouraged to apply even though they may feel they are not strong on individual selection criteria.

In assessing merit, the panel will take into consideration “performance or achievement relative to opportunity”. We recognise that many staff today have a range of personal circumstances, and career histories that challenge traditional ideas of a staff member. This may mean, for example, prioritising the quality of achievement rather than the quantity, as considerations of part-time employment, career interruptions and significant periods of leave are taken into account when assessing performance or achievement.

How to Apply

For further information and to apply, please visit www.qut.edu.au/jobs for reference number **20729 b**).

When applying for this position, a Curriculum Vitae and up to a two-page covering letter outlining your suitability for the role against the selection criteria will be required.

Applications close: 26 January 2021