

Position Description: Lecturer in Pastoral Studies

Date: November 2018

Hours: 0.5 EFT (with potential for development of the position)

Whitley College

As the Baptist College of Victoria and as an agency of the Baptist Union, Whitley College is dedicated to providing high quality theological educational resources to all of those committed to the call of God and to the life and mission of the Church in a rapidly changing society. In offering theological education through a comprehensive range of diplomas and degrees accredited by the University of Divinity, professional development opportunities, advanced research programs, and innovative and flexible training initiatives, Whitley seeks to fulfil its mission to equip men and women for leadership and service in a variety of ministries in church and society. Whitley is committed to creating an even stronger and dynamic learning environment for students and to develop further the relationships with partners and stakeholders.

University of Divinity

Whitley College is one of the eleven colleges of the University of Divinity and part of its collegiate structure. The University of Divinity promotes the highest standards of scholarship in theology, philosophy and ministry. Through scholarship, the University aims to address the issues of the contemporary world. Founded in 1910 as the Melbourne College of Divinity, the University has a long history of pursuing and achieving these aims.

Primary objectives

Whitley is seeking a person to fulfil the position of Lecturer in Pastoral Studies. The Lecturer is to be responsible for conducting, coordinating and developing teaching and research in the areas of pastoral theology, ministry formation and spiritual care at Whitley College.

The Lecturer in Pastoral Studies is responsible for making original contributions to knowledge and practice through research, writing and teaching. It is expected the lecturer would develop the educational offerings in the area of pastoral studies, building links with other partners in teaching and research.

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The Lecturer is a member of the Faculty team, participating actively in the collective responsibilities of the Faculty, in response to the strategic mission and objectives of the College.

Key-responsibilities

- Teach academic units in Practical Theology and Ministry Studies as agreed with the Dean.
- Creatively respond through innovative educational program development to presenting needs and issues.
- Maintain awareness of current scholarship in the area of Practical Theology and the ability to integrate new developments into academic work.
- Engage in research projects that contribute to understandings and practices of Practical Theology and pastoral studies.
- Supervise research students.
- Encourage and support students in their learning experience.
- Provide pastoral support for students through communal life and relationships.
- Engage in administrative tasks as part of the faculty team.
- Contribute as able to the planning and running of Theological School public events.

Key skills, knowledge and experience

- Commitment to the values and goals of Whitley College.
- Highly developed interpersonal skills and a helpful and professional manner supporting the ability to communicate effectively, clearly and sensitively with a diverse range of people.
- It is expected that the applicant would have significant experience in pastoral leadership and/or chaplaincy.
- A PhD in Practical Theology is a prerequisite. Early career candidates who are near completion of PhD would be welcome to apply.

Prospective and interested candidates may direct inquiries to the Principal of Whitley College, Rev Dr René Erwich (rerwich@whitley.edu.au).

Applications

Interested candidates for the role are kindly requested to submit their application with full curriculum vitae, a cover letter and 3 letters of reference, included in the application, no later than **31 January 2019**, to pastoralstudies@whitley.edu.au.

Review of the applications will begin immediately after **31 January 2019**. The successful applicant will be expected to take up the position by **1 April 2019**.