

Position Description

Associate Professor of Strategic Studies



Details

Area	Strategic studies
Team / School	Faculty of Arts and Education
Employment	Full-time and continuing
Location	Australian War College Weston Creek Campus, Canberra
Classification	Level D
Manager Title	Deakin Academic Principle, Australian War College

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Deakin is a Victorian university with a global impact. We are agile and innovative, and committed to making a positive impact through our excellence in education and research and the contributions we make to the wider community.

Our reputation has been built on the dedication and expertise of our staff. We offer a dynamic, diverse and inclusive working environment with opportunities to grow and develop careers. We believe that a progressive, thriving culture will ensure people choose to come, and stay at Deakin and contribute to our ongoing success.

As one of Australia's largest universities, Deakin has strong global linkages, world-class research and an education portfolio that blends the best of campus and digital delivery into a highly supportive and personalised student experience.

We offer outstanding education founded on the experience we create for our learners and guided by graduate outcomes for successful lives and careers. We undertake globally significant discovery research that benefits our communities through the innovative translation of our ideas into new services, products, policies and capabilities.

At Deakin we value diversity, embrace difference and nurture an inclusive, safe and respectful community. Deakin is an Employer of Choice for Gender Equality, a SAGE Athena SWAN Bronze Award holder, seeking gender equity for Women in STEMM, and a Silver Award holder in the Australian Workplace Equality Index for LGBTQ inclusion. We strongly encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people of all cultures, abilities, sexualities and genders.

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Overview

Deakin University is seeking to recruit an academic to join a team of established colleagues working at the Australian War College for the design, development and delivery of innovative curriculum for courses including the Australian Command and Staff Course and the Defence and Strategic Studies Course.

The Associate Professor of Strategic Studies will report to the Deakin Academic Principal at the Australian War College. The Academic Principal is supported by a Head of Teaching and Learning, Head of Research and Head of Academic Skills Acquisition. Applicants will be required to attain a baseline security clearance as a part of the role.

Responsibilities

As part of the team delivering education services to the Australian War College, you should keep the following expected student outcomes in mind as you conduct your duties:

- reinforce and evolve the significant experiential learning provided by Defence's services and groups
- focus on the operational and strategic domains as well as the need to understand and operate within the broader Defence organisation
- prepare officers and APS executives for key staff appointments within Defence and other agencies so they are able to lead staff at operational and strategic levels and manage the business of Defence at the enterprise level
- prepare military officers for command up to and including formation and joint task force level
- foster international networks and relationships with military officers in partner nations
- develop habits of mind, personal mastery and critical faculties to operate in a competitive, technologically complex and volatile environment at the highest level of strategic responsibility.

The appointee will be expected to:

- provide an excellent contribution to Deakin University's design, development, delivery and assessment of AWC program modules
- enhance the quality of teaching and learning at the AWC, including identifying and responding to opportunities to advance the quality of Deakin's contribution to the course
- publish high quality research in national and international journals of high repute
- contribute to the development of AWC student research and writing skills through direct and effective supervision
- provide a leading contribution to the academic community of the AWC and/or the Australian national security community
- provide leadership which enhances the achievement of Deakin's strategic goals in research, teaching, engagement and innovation

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- lead and contribute to the Faculty's research agenda, including in competitive external research funding activities and performance in ERA and engagement with national security research community
- develop strong relationships with research, community, industry and government for enhanced teaching and research outcomes
- contribute strongly to the leadership of the Centre, Faculty and University.

Selection Criteria - Essential

- PhD in a relevant discipline and/or advanced qualifications and experience in the area of strategic studies
- distinguished scholarly learning and teaching in undergraduate and postgraduate programs, including curriculum design
- internationally recognised research reputation underpinned by publications in high quality journals and book presses
- successful engagement with research community, industry and government to enhance the national and international standing of the discipline
- demonstrated capacity for guiding and supervising student in the development of research and writing skills
- demonstrated success and passion for leadership of teaching, research and/or administration
- excellent interpersonal skills and a proven ability to establish good working relationships with colleagues.

Selection Criteria - Desirable

- a proven ability to work effectively in a professional military education (PME) learning environment
- knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and contemporary issues.

Special Requirements

- Infrequent travel will be required
- Drivers Licence
- Working with Children Check (refer to Recruitment Procedure)

Note The intention of the position description is to provide an outline of scope and responsibilities, at a point in time. Please note, responsibilities may evolve in accordance with organisational needs.