

POSITION DESCRIPTION



Research Fellow, Disability and Digital Citizenship

POSITION DETAILS

Position Title	Research Fellow, Disability and Digital Citizenship
Classification	Academic level B
Position Number	7016566
School/Office	Institute for Culture and Society
Division	Provost

POSITION PURPOSE

The Research Fellow, Disability and Digital Citizenship, contributes to the delivery of the Australian Research Council Discovery Project *Disability and Digital Citizenship*, which investigates the participation of people with disability in the digital age and advances new understandings of digital citizenship.

The position is responsible for conducting and disseminating research, with a focus on the survey and quantitative research components of the project and supporting stakeholder engagement activities to contribute to the successful delivery of project objectives, milestones and outcomes.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES

1. Conduct research in key elements of the project, particularly in relation to survey and quantitative research, including the conceptualisation, design, analysis and interpretation of research activities.
2. Develop and maintain collaborative relationships with disability and consumer organisations, government, industry, research partners and community stakeholders to support project outcomes and engagement activities.
3. Produce high quality research outputs arising from the project, including peer reviewed journal articles, books, book chapters, conference papers and other scholarly publications.
4. Communicate and translate research findings through reports, policy briefs, presentations, stakeholder engagement activities and accessible public-facing research outputs to support research impact and uptake.
5. Contribute research-related teaching and learning activities, research funding applications,

project administration and other research activities that support the successful delivery of project objectives, milestones and outcomes.

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

1. A doctoral qualification in a discipline relevant to the project's focus on disability and digital citizenship, such as disability studies, communication and media studies, digital media studies, sociology, anthropology, political science, human geography, science and technology studies, or a related discipline.
2. Demonstrated expertise in survey and quantitative research methodologies, including research design, data collection, analysis and interpretation.
3. Demonstrated understanding of contemporary disability experiences, rights, models and systems, and their intersection with digital technology, accessibility and inclusion.
4. A track record, relative to opportunity, of scholarly achievement, including high quality academic publications, conference presentations and other research outputs.
5. Well developed written, oral and interpersonal communication skills, including the ability to communicate effectively with academic, industry, government and community stakeholders.
6. Demonstrated experience in research communication, engagement and impact activities, including translating research findings for a range of audiences.
7. Demonstrated experience in coordinating and delivering research projects, including project planning, stakeholder engagement and delivery of project milestones within agreed timeframes.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

- **This position reports to:** Chief Investigator / Lead Researcher, Distinguished Professor Gerard Goggin
- **This position supervises:** Nil. May provide guidance and work direction to Casual Research Assistants as required.
- **Key internal relationships:**
 - Chief Investigators and Partner Investigators
 - Research Fellows and project team members
 - Institute researchers and professional staff
 - Higher Degree Research students
- **Key external relationships:**
 - Disability and consumer organisations
 - Government, policy and industry stakeholders
 - Research collaborators and partner institutions
 - Professional associations and networks

CHALLENGES

- Designing and delivering quantitative research that captures the diverse experiences of people with disability while ensuring research methods and outputs are accessible, inclusive and fit for purpose.
- Translating complex research findings into high quality scholarly publications, policy-relevant outputs and accessible resources for academic, stakeholder and community audiences.
- Building and maintaining productive relationships with disability organisations, research collaborators and other stakeholders while balancing diverse perspectives, priorities and expectations.

UNIVERSITY EXPECTATIONS

The University expects that all employees are aware of, and comply with legislation and Western's policies and procedures relevant to the position, including but not limited to:

- Code of Conduct
- Work Health and Safety and Wellbeing Management System
- Enterprise Agreement or Award
- Anti-discrimination principles, Equal Employment Opportunity and staff and student equity.

Approved by: People and Culture Partner

Date: 24 July 2026