

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

for appointment as

Associate Professor - Social Work
(Confirmation Path)

SOCIOLOGY, GENDER AND SOCIAL WORK

General Information

The University of Otago, which was established in 1869, has its main campus within the urban area of Dunedin. The University also has campuses in Christchurch, Wellington, Invercargill and a centre in Auckland. The University currently has over 19,000 equivalent full-time students, enrolled over a wide range of disciplines, and is organised into four teaching Divisions: Humanities, Sciences, Health Sciences, and Business. The Division of Humanities has approximately 5,000 equivalent full-time students enrolled in 2011.

The University of Otago is New Zealand's most research-intensive university. It is also the top-ranked University for research quality.

A further source of information about the University is the website www.otago.ac.nz

Sociology, Gender and Social Work

Sociology, Gender and Social Work is a newly-formed department within the Division of Humanities, comprising three major programme areas of sociology, gender studies, and social work. The department offers courses leading to the academic degrees of BA, BSCW, MA, MSW and PhD. The department's undergraduate, first-professional, and post-qualifying social work programmes have been developed with a strong focus on applied social science and social service practice, and are offered from a Treaty-based perspective relating to Aotearoa/New Zealand. Both the Aotearoa/New Zealand Association of Social Workers, and the Social Workers Registration Board have accredited our professional courses.

There are over 380 full-time equivalent students undertaking papers within the department of Sociology, Gender and Social Work. The department currently has 18 academic and four support staff. The Social Work programme has seven academic staff and two fieldwork placement staff.

Teaching and Research Duties of Appointees

The appointee will be responsible for developing strong teaching and research programmes which will contribute to academic, professional, and post-qualifying courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

SPECIFIC TASKS

- Bring research leadership within the context of an applied professional programme.
- Take a leadership role in the ongoing development of the Social Work curriculum.
- Co-operate with other staff in the department to develop and extend innovative teaching methods and practice in applied social science.
- Mentor junior staff in their research activities.
- Work co-operatively with other programmes and centres within the University to develop mutual research capabilities.
- Contribute to the supervision of post-graduate students.
- Contribute to the wider University through committee involvement, service, and engagement.
- Contribute to wider national and international discussions, policy debates and advocacy around key issues in Social Work.

The ideal person will have:

- a PhD or equivalent qualification, and either registration or the ability to be registered as a Social Work practitioner by the Social Workers Registration Board in Aotearoa/New Zealand
- proven capacity to undertake independent research, with a track record of research achievements at national and international levels
- proven teaching competence within the Social Work discipline
- strong communication skills
- a demonstrated track record of leadership and competent management
- an ability to work in a cross-cultural setting with diverse populations
- the personal qualities, ability and willingness to integrate into an enthusiastic and innovative academic team.

Selection Criteria

In addition to normal academic qualifications, candidates must possess knowledge acceptable to professionally-qualifying bodies, professional associations, and employers. The selection process will be based on appropriate academic qualifications, a proven capacity to impart knowledge as well as the ability to undertake quality research.

Contact Person

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