

CONTEXT OF THE POSITION

The [School of Economics](#) is located within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. One of the primary centres for economics in Australia and the broad Asia/Pacific region, located in one of the most exciting cities in the world, the school has a broad range of research interests in both theoretical and applied areas of economics. The school is responsible for undergraduate and graduate programs (up to and including PhD) in economics, and an important aspect of the future development of the school is around our graduate programs.

This post represents a new investment for the University in the economics of health behaviours. We are looking to appoint a health economist who can have a transformative impact on the field of socio-economic analysis of health issues in the University and beyond, and in particular can engage with and leverage the multidisciplinary environment of the Charles Perkins Centre and the wider medical research infrastructure at the University of Sydney.

The successful candidate will be an applied economist of international distinction with a considerable experience in the microeconomic analysis of public policy issues. Their active research interests can include, *inter alia*:

- socio-economic determinants of health inequality
- measurement of health disparities
- health literacy and health compliance
- behavioural economics and health
- microeconomic analysis of hospital care including physician behaviour
- wider issues of health economics and public policy consistent.

The successful candidate will provide leadership within Charles Perkins Centre's multidisciplinary research framework. His/her research agenda will act as an anchor for one of the key 'nodes' for research at the centre. Through this, and through their appointment at the School of Economics, they will consolidate and extend Sydney's international reputation in applied analysis of economic and social issues. The successful candidate will also contribute to the strengthening of research in applied microeconomics at the School of Economics and will be part of the senior academic leadership of the school. Depending on background, research and teaching interests, the appointee can tap into a large network of established applied health researchers within the School and develop research opportunities – this includes, where appropriate, the potential for a joint appointment with the School of Public Health.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain and develop a research program leading to research publication at the highest international standard.
- Develop teaching programs, at undergraduate and postgraduate level, in the field of applied health economics.
- Supervise and mentor graduate students to PhD level.
- Develop key initiatives in research management; research funding development; and the initiation of major projects in health economics individually and collaboratively across the Charles Perkins Centre and wider University.
- To be a focus for activity on the intersection between economics, health policy and health behaviours such as obesity.
- Lead the active and progressive communication and advocacy for the activities of the University in the domains of health economics and the core themes of the Charles Perkins Centre.
- Provide leadership within the School of Economics as a senior faculty member including administrative and management responsibility, mentoring of junior faculty, active promotion of the research and teaching culture.
- Execute duties as may be assigned from time to time by the head of the School of Economics.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Essential

- PhD in Economics from a program of distinction.

- An established international profile in health economics, in particular in the analysis of health risk behaviours such as obesity.
- An active research agenda in health economics with an emphasis on individual health behaviours and publications at the highest international level within health economics, health policy and the medical sciences journals.
- Teaching and supervisory experience at all levels (undergraduate and postgraduate).
- A strong record of teaching performance with demonstrated commitment to teaching at all levels.
- A successful track record in postgraduate and honours supervision.
- A strong and demonstrable commitment to the translation of academic research for wider dissemination.
- A strong and demonstrable commitment to the nurturing and mentoring of junior academic staff and early stage researchers.

Desirable

- A research agenda specifically on obesity.
- A track record of research collaboration in multidisciplinary environments in health sciences.
- Experience in media and other forms of popular outlets.