



Position Description

Position: (Associate) Professor of New Testament

Date: 3 February 2020

Hours: 1.0 EFT

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 (Associate) Professor of New Testament. The (Associate) professor is to be responsible for conducting, coordinating and developing teaching and research in the area of New Testament studies at Whitley College.

The (Associate) Professor of New Testament is responsible for making original contributions to knowledge and practice through research, writing and teaching. It is expected the (Associate) Professor would develop the educational offerings in the area of New Testament studies, building links with other national and international partners in teaching and research.

The professor is a member of the Faculty team, taking an active part as a team member in the collective responsibilities of the Faculty, in response to the strategic mission and objectives of the College.

Key responsibilities

- Teach academic coursework units across the whole New Testament canon, biblical hermeneutics and the history of interpretation as agreed with the Dean.
- Creatively respond through innovative educational program development to contemporary needs and issue in church and society.

- Maintain awareness of current scholarship in the area of New Testament studies and to integrate new developments into their academic work.
- Engage in research projects that contribute to deepening the understanding of New Testament texts and their context.
- Preach and lead Bible studies amongst the churches and in other contexts.
- Publish research and papers at various levels and in diverse contexts.
- 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 and in the wider circle of the University of Divinity.
- Contribute as appropriate to the planning and running of Whitley's public events.

Key skills, knowledge & experience

- A strong PhD- degree in the area in which they teach and supervise.
- Full professorial status or close to acquiring this in the first 2 years of appointment.
- A dynamic and creative approach to reading and interpreting the whole Bible as Living Word.
- Experience in supervising at HDR level.
- 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.
- Membership in, or at least familiarity and agreement with, the Baptist Church and its beliefs.

Prospective and interested candidates may direct inquiries to the Principal of Whitley College, Rev Professor René Erwich (by email rerwich@whitley.edu.au, by phone +61 447 571 964).

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 **April 15, 2020**, to ntstudies@whitley.edu.au.

Review of the applications will begin immediately after **15 April 2020**. The successful applicant will be expected to take up the position by **1 September 2020** or earlier by negotiation.