

## **Professor Wendy Mayer appointed Dean of Research Strategy (0.4 FTE) for the University of Divinity**

Late December 2019, the Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Sherlock announced the appointment of Professor Wendy Mayer as the Dean of Research Strategy at the University of Divinity, commencing 1 February 2020. This two-year part-time position is designed to support collaboration across the university in renewal and delivery of its research strategy. This collegial approach is reflected in the structure of the new position as a secondment from one of the university's colleges. The appointment is the result of the Expression of Interest process initiated in November by a university working group to support implementing the Evans Review and fills the gap in research management identified following the creation of the new School of Graduate Research.

Professor Sherlock said:

I am delighted by Professor Mayer's appointment as the new Dean of Research Strategy and look forward to the strengths she will bring to the role, combining a record of research excellence with a deep commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration and engagement with community partnerships. Together with the appointment of Associate Professor Liz Boase as inaugural Dean of the School of Graduate Research, the university is well-placed to accomplish its vision and mission in research and research training – to address the issues of the contemporary world through critical engagement with Christian theological traditions.

ALC Principal James Winderlich said:

Australian Lutheran College is grateful for this opportunity to support the wider work of the university. An active research culture underpins all that we do, no matter the level. Our college wholeheartedly supports Professor Mayer in this new venture of service and leadership. We have benefitted from her gifts for a number of years, and we look forward to seeing what those gifts might mean for the whole university community.

The secondment presents ALC with a rich opportunity to engage more closely with the other UD colleges and to further its strategic priorities:

- **Exploring, understanding and discussing contemporary church life questions and issues:** *Look outward, engaging with other ways of looking at the world and being in ecumenical partnership with other churches and other parts of the wider community (ALC Strategic Direction 2017–2022).*
- **Listening and responding in partnership to the LCA and its needs and aspirations:** *Identify ways that participation in the University of Divinity can inform, strengthen and expand our thinking (ALC Strategic Direction 2017–2022).*

Part of the remuneration ALC receives from this secondment will employ off-budget a 0.4 FTE Postdoctoral Research Associate; the balance of UD money will become part of ALC's general revenue in support of research. This temporary position will support Professor Mayer as she continues in her role as ALC Associate Dean for Research and commences her secondment as UD Dean of Research Strategy with the OVC and UD colleges.

The position of Postdoctoral Research Associate will be advertised from the week beginning 13 January 2020. The position is open to all suitably qualified applicants. (See advertisement on following page.)

## Postdoctoral Research Associate

- Part-time 0.4 FTE
- Fixed-term 2-year contract
- Start date ASAP

Australian Lutheran College (ALC) is the post-secondary education provider of the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA). The college provides education and training for people studying higher education degrees and vocational education awards. ALC seeks to contribute to discussions on contemporary issues by engaging in research projects for the LCA, and its various agencies, and its collegiate university, the University of Divinity.

We are seeking a Postdoctoral Research Associate to work with our Associate Dean for Research (ADR). The person we require will have a doctoral degree and will possess extensive investigative and research skills.

The Postdoctoral Research Associate will be responsible for the following:

- organising content for the *Lutheran Theological Journal* in collaboration with contributors and the editorial team
- organising research seminars
- engaging with key internal and external stakeholders in developing and undertaking research
- assisting the ADR in promoting ALC Research across the LCA and its various agencies.

To be considered for this position you will have acquired a doctoral degree within the past five years, possess excellent written and oral communication and organisational skills, and have an ability to adjust to changing priorities and meet deadlines.

A position description is available upon request to the Human Resource Manager, Australian Lutheran College.

All applications for this position must be lodged with the Human Resource Manager, Australian Lutheran College, by no later than 5.00pm ACST Tuesday 28 January 2020 to:

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