HMSTrust Chair of Social innovation

The Melbourne Business School invites applications for a senior faculty position in the area of social impact and social innovation with the designation of the HMSTrust Chair of Social Innovation. Candidates should have an exceptional record of research, teaching and engagement in the broad area of social impact and innovation and related disciplines, as well as a track record that demonstrates their capacity to contribute to the development of the field of social impact and innovation. The successful candidate will be expected to provide intellectual leadership within the School and work closely with the Senior Executive and Faculty to strengthen the School’s social impact agenda – finding innovative and sustainable solutions to social problems.

1. Melbourne Business School

MBS (www.mbs.edu) is an internationally ranked business school based in Melbourne, Australia, that offers MBA, Executive MBA, Master of Marketing, and Master of Business Analytics programs, as well as a suite of Executive Education offerings. The School’s full-time MBA program has consistently been ranked in the Financial Times rankings, and was ranked 9th among non-US business schools by Bloomberg in December 2016. The school’s executive education programs are also very active and were ranked number 1 in 2016 by the Financial Times for both customized and open programs in Australia. The school prides itself on its publication record in top international journals and offers a first-rate research environment.

MBS is located in the heart of Melbourne, which is frequently considered the world’s most liveable city: Melbourne’s living quality, schools, arts and cultural environment are exceptional. The school offers an internationally competitive compensation package, as well as excellent research and travel support.

The School established a centre for social impact in 2008 through a partnership between MBS and the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust. The Centre’s mission is to enable positive social change in Australia and more broadly by collaborating with non-profit, business, philanthropic and government sectors. The Centre has achieved much in the areas of Indigenous economic development, capacity building in the third sector and impact investing. It has been a hub for faculty at the School who engage in many aspects of social impact research, teaching and practice. Areas of expertise across the MBS faculty include: Indigenous economic development; impact investment and measurement; social enterprises; corporate social responsibility and ethics; consumer ethics; sustainability; impact philanthropy; and not-for-profit excellence.

2. HMSTrust Chair of Social Innovation

In 2008 the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust, in partnership with MBS, provided an endowment of $3m to endow the Helen Macpherson Smith Chair of Leadership for Social Impact (now to be renamed Chair of Social Innovation).

The Helen Macpherson Smith Trust is one of Victoria’s leading Philanthropic Trusts and the personal legacy of the late Helen Macpherson Schutt (née Smith) who died in 1951. Since then, the Trust has provided over $117m in grants to charities in Victoria, Australia. At the time of the endowment, Mr Darvell Hutchinson AM, Former Chairman of Trustees, said "The Trust sees this opportunity to engage with the not-for-profit sector in a very strategic way, by leveraging resources through partnerships that will provide long term benefit to the sector". Mr Hutchinson said that "the time was right for significant investment in developing strong leadership capability in the sector".
The gift established an endowment to attract an academic with internationally renowned expertise and the capacity to make a major contribution to leadership in the social economy. Professor Ian Williamson was the inaugural Chair. The Chair was the first of its type in Australia and remains one of only a few in the world.

The Chair plays a major role in leading the social impact agenda of MBS. The Chair will be the intellectual leader of the School’s social impact and innovation agenda and will demonstrate a commitment to advancing the broad field of social impact through research, thought leadership and teaching.

3. Selection Criteria

**Essential**

- PhD in a discipline which can be applied to addressing social problems with innovative and sustainable solutions (such as management, marketing, decision sciences, leadership, or economics).
- Demonstrated interest and experience in some specific aspects of social impact, such as social entrepreneurship, environmental sustainability, indigenous leadership, corporate social responsibility, environmental entrepreneurship, public sector policy management, social innovation, impact investing, etc.
- Demonstrated excellence in teaching post-graduate students and senior executive education participants.
- Experience working with a range of constituencies in the third, government and business sectors in Australia or overseas.
- A distinguished publication history focused on top-tier international journals in a field related to social impact and innovation.
- The capacity to make a significant contribution to the objectives of the Melbourne Business School as a global leader in this field.

**Desirable**

- Experience within a leading university / business school.
- The willingness to make a significant contribution to the objectives of the Melbourne Business School and collaborations with partner institutions and organisations.
- Demonstrated leadership and service to domestic and international academic associations, journals and professional bodies.
- Demonstrated ability to develop strong links with and obtain funding from individual donors, trusts and foundations, the business sector and/or government.

4. Key Responsibilities

- Provide intellectual leadership and foster excellence in research, teaching and engagement in social impact within the Melbourne Business School.
- Promote relations between the School and its stakeholders: the students and managers studying and working at the School, the University, the alumni and the not-for-profit/community, business, government and professional communities.
• Report to the Associate Dean (Faculty) of Melbourne Business School.

• Publish in top-tier refereed journals.

• Encourage and develop research collaborations within the School and with relevant partner organisations.

• Provide quality teaching in relevant subjects.

• Perform administrative tasks within the School as required.

5. Applications

Please e-mail applications to Helen Connolly (h.connolly@mbs.edu) and include the following items: CV, teaching evaluations, and contact information for three referees. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Associate Dean (Engagement) Jody Evans is leading the search committee, and can be contacted at j.evans@mbs.edu.