



**Research Strategy Mentor (Arts and Humanities)
University of the Western Cape
Cape Town, South Africa**

About the assignment

We are looking for a current or retired Professor of Arts or Humanities who can live and volunteer both in-country (for at least four and up to ten months) and online (up to eight months) in 2026 to:

- support the Faculty of Arts and Humanities in planning for its strategic development, particularly in the development of a research strategy that promotes inter- and trans disciplinaryity and a coherent Faculty-wide identity; and
- support the professional development of early career staff and postgraduate students.

About the University of the Western Cape

The University of the Western Cape (UWC) is a dynamic institution committed to excellence in learning, teaching, research and innovation, and in serving the public good. Home to more than 23,000 students and 2,400 staff, it is well-known for its struggle against apartheid and its continued fight against oppression, discrimination and disadvantage. A “Historically Disadvantaged” university, UWC has been at the forefront of South Africa's historic transformation, playing a leading and unique role in helping to build an equitable and dynamic nation.

About Australian Academic Volunteers Abroad

Australian Academic Volunteers Abroad (AAVA) is a nonprofit organisation that supports the strategic development goals of universities in the Indo-Pacific region by matching their teaching and research priorities with suitably qualified and motivated volunteers who are current or recently retired senior academic or professional staff from accredited universities.

About the Australian Volunteers Program

The Australian Volunteers Program is an Australian government-funded initiative which supports partner organisations across the Indo-Pacific region to achieve locally led change. Volunteers mobilised under this program receive well-being support, travel costs, insurances and a modest stipend. This is a safe and affordable way to make a difference.

Requirements

- Extensive experience at a senior academic level in the Arts or Humanities.
- Extensive experience of inter- and transdisciplinary university research strategy and policy development.
- Experience in mentoring and supporting the careers of others.
- Program volunteers must be Australian citizens, or holders of a Permanent Residency Visa of Australia, or New Zealand residents in Australia with a Special Category Visa.

Application

Submit an expression of interest with a brief CV to graham.schaffer@academicvolunteers.org.au. Further information at <https://www.academicvolunteers.org.au>.