



Donor and Alumni Relations Mentor
University of the Western Cape
Cape Town, South Africa

About the assignment

We are looking for a current or retired Advancement Specialist with development and fundraising experience who can live and volunteer in a hybrid role both in-country (for at least four and up to ten months) and online (up to eight months) in 2026 to:

- Support the implementation of an integrated fund raising and donor relations strategy, strengthening leadership capability and embedding best practice in engagement; and
- support the professional development of the staff in Institutional Advancement.

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 leadership level in university advancement, particularly development and fundraising.
- Extensive experience in the development and implementation of advancement strategies.
- 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>.