

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

### POSITION IDENTIFICATION

<b>Faculty:</b>	
<b>School/Admin Dept:</b>	
<b>Centre:</b>	Future Farm Industries CRC Ltd (FFI CRC)*
<b>Section:</b>	
<b>Position Number:</b>	
<b>Position Title:</b>	Research Director
<b>Position Classification:</b>	TBA
<b>Supervisor Title:</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>Supervisor Position Number:</b>	303387

### ROLE STATEMENT

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer the appointee will take responsibility for the strategic direction and science quality of all R&D in FFI CRC, and for cross-program coordination of research activity, project development and review, and project management information systems.

### KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Direct the R&D function of the CRC

Participate in the Executive of the CRC and advise the CEO on all matters of R&D conduct and science quality

Convene meetings and facilitate communication of Program Leaders for the purpose of coordination of research activity

Establish and manage processes for project planning, prioritisation and review, including the Project Evaluation Committee

Oversee science quality and output of the CRC, including generation and approval of research reports and papers, and conduct of technical conferences

Review project milestone reports and recommend payment upon their satisfactory completion

Coordinate program and postgraduate research activity, and supervise postgraduate students

Supervise staff responsible for research contracts and project information management

Other duties as directed

\* The Future Farm Industries Cooperative Research Centre is a company limited by guarantee, with 13 members including four universities, CSIRO, an agribusiness company and various state government agencies across Australia. There are a further three participants (R&D corporations) and a growing number of supporting participants. It is managed by an independent Board of Directors with the CEO as an Executive Director. The CRC's head office, located at the University of Western Australia, is the centre for its operational and administrative functions, and coordinates activities across ~40 locations in four states and the ACT. The Research Director position is located at CRC headquarters with options for employment by FFI CRC Ltd or by the University under a service level agreement.

### All staff are expected to demonstrate a commitment to Equity & Diversity and Safety principles

Details of the University policies on Equity and Diversity can be accessed at <http://www.equity.uwa.edu.au> or by telephoning 6488 2252. Details of the University policies on Occupational Safety and Health can be accessed at <http://www.safety.uwa.edu.au/policies> or by telephoning 6488 3938.

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**SPECIFIC WORK CAPABILITIES (SELECTION CRITERIA): (Minimum requirements to perform the duties of the position, e.g. Certificate of Secondary Education).**

<p>Postgraduate qualification or demonstrated equivalent competency</p> <p>National and/or international reputation for research conduct and science output, including a strong publication record, in fields relevant to the CRC</p> <p>Demonstrated track record in research leadership and coordination, typically at the senior principal scientist level</p> <p>Ability to work autonomously, liaise effectively with senior managers and build a culture of research excellence</p> <p>Highly developed organisational skills and demonstrated ability to meet deadlines</p> <p>Highly developed written and verbal communication skills</p> <p>Experience working in a dynamic work environment and ability to cope with change</p> <p>Knowledge of Australian dryland agriculture and natural resource management issues</p>
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Positions directly supervised: 2	Number of positions for which responsible: 6
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**POSITION APPROVALS**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(CEO, FFI CRC Ltd)

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