

Jobs Victoria Employment Services (JVES) Industry Engagement Officer



Endless Opportunities

Position Description

The Inner Melbourne VET Cluster

About Us

The Inner Melbourne VET Cluster (IMVC) is a progressive not-for-profit organisation that is within a time of significant change. IMVC has been providing education and employment services for young people experiencing disadvantage for over 20 years.

Our purpose is to develop the confidence, education, and employability skills of young people to ultimately transition into work and independence.

The IMVC focuses on service delivery in various regions across metropolitan Melbourne. We are well respected in the education sector, government, industry, and the broader community often working collaboratively with other agencies to achieve positive and sustainable transitions for our stakeholders.

The IMVC delivers a diverse suite of education and employment programs and services and, as such, we can provide our stakeholders with a holistic approach to the development of skills and capabilities to:

- Learn – participate in education and training
- Work – participate in employment, unpaid or voluntary work, and
- Engage – connect with people and community

Our programs include:

- Career and transition initiatives
- Case-management services
- Accredited and pre-accredited training
- Work readiness and re-engagement programs
- Coordination of VET courses delivered in secondary schools
- Workplace learning and industry immersion
- National Disability Coordination

IMVC Vision

“Linking the energy and potential of young and marginalised people with industry, government and community”

Key details for this role

Position title	JVES Industry Engagement Officer
Responsible to:	General Manager Employment Services
Time Fraction:	0.6 EFT
Location:	South Melbourne
Employee Allowances:	Travel allowance, laptop, and mobile phone
Motor Vehicle:	Applicant is required to have an Australian driver’s licence and car
Sick Leave:	10 days a year (pro-rata)
Holiday Leave:	20 days a year (pro-rata)

The contract for this position ends on 30 June 2023 with the opportunity to extend this, subject to the continued availability of funding. Superannuation will be paid by the IMVC at the prescribed rate as specified within the Superannuation Act.

About JVES

Funded by the Victorian Government, the new **Jobs Victoria Employment Services (JVES)** program is one element of a range of Jobs Victoria initiatives designed to offer personalised employment support to long-term unemployed jobseekers or jobseekers at risk of being long-term unemployed to secure work. This service employs expert Jobs Victoria Mentors who will work with jobseekers to get them work-ready and connect them to jobs.

The JVES Industry Engagement Officer's role is to work with Victorian employers to meet their skills and labour needs by connecting them to suitable Jobs Victoria jobseekers.

Other elements of Jobs Victoria are:

- Wage subsidies
- Jobs Victoria Advocates
- Jobs Victoria Careers Counsellors
- An online platform and telephone hotline support
- Investing in social procurement.

Key features of the JVES model include:

- The participation of jobseekers is voluntary
- The focus is on jobseekers who require additional assistance to gain and retain employment
- The model provides a level of flexibility to allow services to be tailored to suit the individual while retaining a strong focus on employment outcomes
- Services may include pre-employment and post-employment support
- JVES Industry Engagement Officers work closely with employers to identify job opportunities and prepare jobseekers for those roles.

The IMVC Jobs Victoria Employment Services contract is being delivered in partnership with TaskForce Community Agency. This role is responsible for delivering services in the Inner Metro Employment Services Region which includes the Local Government Areas of Port Phillip and Melbourne.

Our JVES team is comprised of JVES Mentors, JVES Industry Engagement Officers, and a JVES Program Manager.

About the role

The primary role of the JVES Industry Engagement Officer is to develop strong connections with employers and industry bodies assisting them to meet their workforce needs by connecting them with jobseekers that will suit their businesses.

Key Objectives

- Increase the number of employers engaged with the JVES program to provide opportunities for jobseekers to gain exposure to industry through industry immersion initiatives and paid employment
- Increase the number of employers offering suitable vacancies to jobseekers, especially in industries that provide strong vocational outcomes.

Key Accountabilities

- Actively engage with employers to identify job opportunities and assist in meeting industry workforce needs
- Establish and maintain strategic relationships with employer networks
- Work collaboratively with the JVES team to deliver and/or facilitate industry immersion activities that support jobseekers to explore careers, improve job readiness and gain employment
- Establish a database of employers who will support the program
- Evaluate vacancies to ensure quality assurance principles are met
- Induct and provide pre- and post-placement support to employment (this includes conducting site visits)
- Offer flexible services to be tailored to the needs of disadvantaged jobseekers and responsive to the needs of the local labour market
- Ensure compliance with contractual requirements and relevant legislation
- Achieve all employment placement and outcome targets as set by the JVES program manager
- Any other duties, as directed.

Qualifications (preferred but not essential)

An undergraduate or postgraduate degree in youth work, community services, education, or career development.

Key Selection Criteria

1. Results driven, outcome focussed and able to meet KPI's
2. Strong understanding of the Inner Melbourne labour market
3. Demonstrated ability to communicate and liaise with employers and industry to secure suitable employment vacancies
4. Demonstrated capacity to develop, implement and manage industry immersion initiatives that showcase careers and industry to jobseekers
5. Excellent interpersonal skills, capacity to work as part of a team and autonomously with minimal supervision
6. Compliance focussed with strong administrative skills including maintaining up-to-date records and meeting all contractual requirements
7. Must be able to demonstrate an understanding of appropriate behaviours when engaging with children, and of children with diverse needs and/or backgrounds.