

Expression of Interest: Discussion Paper Coordinator

Project Type: Discrete project management role at fixed rate of \$5,500 AUD GST inc, estimated 4 months in duration.

Location: No preference, remote working arrangements

Project scope:

ACSA is seeking an early- to mid-career researcher (EMCR) working on citizen science research to coordinate the development of a Discussion Paper focused on identifying and strengthening linkages between citizen science and university research to benefit society.

The Australian Citizen Science Association is proud to partner with the Australian Academy of Science's Theo Murphy Initiative (Australia) to enable this opportunity.

The Discussion Paper will:

- Outline the current context of connections and partnerships between universities and citizen science practitioners to benefit society.
- Identify challenges and opportunities in various types of partnership models to deliver on this goal, using case studies
- Outline research and practice gaps that could improve the positive impacts of citizen science for science and society.
- Make recommendations around critical next steps that could strengthen partnerships between EMCRs and citizen science.

A previous citizen science Occasional Paper was written in 2015: [Building Australia through citizen science](#) (Pecl et al 2015).

Background:

Citizen science at a national and global scale represents the opportunity for a paradigm shift in our ability to inform, enrich and engage with our diverse communities. Yet, to take this further requires a broad range of partnerships to advance the strategic frameworks necessary to support the citizen science movement that can focus and scale efforts to meet critical needs. EMCRs represent the future of Australian research, and it has never been more important for researchers to engage with the wider community. As well as breaking down barriers between the public and researchers, citizen science helps to break down silos between researchers from different disciplines and institutions.

Strengthening the collaborations between ACSA and EMCRs will help to build research partnerships that can advance the Australian citizen science community of practice and provide meaningful opportunities for EMCRs to contribute to the development of a rapidly growing and powerful field in Australia and abroad.

Coordination role:

The Coordinator will facilitate the development of the Discussion Paper in collaboration with the ACSA Management Committee representatives and other interested parties. The Coordinator is not expected to develop all of the content, but to lead the collaborative process, including facilitating regular meetings, developing a paper structure, clarifying contributor roles, tracking progress and leading follow ups. They have the opportunity to be lead author on the paper.

Selection criteria:

- Be an early to mid career researcher (EMCR). For the purpose of this program, an EMCR is defined as a researcher up to 15 years post-PhD excluding career breaks, irrespective of their type of appointment or type of employer.
- Demonstrated experience in coordinating and bring out the best from collaborative teams
- Excellent written and verbal communications
- Demonstrated experience as lead author in professional writing including literature reviews, research and synthesising data
- Strong project management skills
- Ideally have experience in writing policy or discussion paper documents

We encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds.

Remuneration:

A total of \$5,500 (GST inc) is available as a stipend or grant, depending on the proposed approach. Payment allocations can be set based on agreed deliverables and activities. Terms will be discussed with the selected applicant.

To apply

To apply, please submit a statement outlining your interest in the role and your alignment with the selection criteria (no more than 2 pages), as well as a current CV by email to projects@citizenscience.org.au.

EOIs close Sunday 4 February 2024.