

Partnerships Director for the Deep South National Science Challenge

(working closely with GNS Science, Motu Economic and Public Policy Research and NIWA)

Responsibilities:

To coordinate the tailored engagement for climate change impacts and implications issues for the [Deep South National Science Challenge](#). This will involve identifying opportunities to meet end user needs with a focus on the:

- Deep South Challenge's Impacts and Implications outputs and knowledge,
- Climate Change Impacts and Implications programme (CCII) outputs. The Deep South Challenge Impacts and Implications Programme is building on CCII, and
- Deep South Challenge's downscaled Earth System Model outputs.

1) **Work with the Deep South Challenge's [Impacts and Implications](#) and [Engagement](#) teams to coordinate two-way engagement** with key central and local government, community and industry stakeholders. This will include:

- organising bi-lateral meetings with key end users,
- designing and organising involvement at outside events (e.g. workshops, meetings, conferences, webinars), and
- Coordination of communication and engagement plans, including contributing expertise/ideas on engagement to project leads; and looking for opportunities for co-ordination between projects and to 'nationalise' research with end users.

Engagement will be designed to understand end user needs, and communicate findings from relevant Deep South Challenge and CCII research to those who can use it to help them make adaptation decisions. The Partnerships Director will facilitate communication among researchers and end users, and be responsive to priorities, needs and opportunities from non-research communities.

2) **Work closely with the Impacts and Implications team to support the [Dialogues](#).** This will include selection of Dialogue participants, attending the Dialogues, and supporting the tailored two-way engagement required for release of post-Dialogue reports. This requires working closely with the Impacts and Implications team (Motu), communications teams (Deep South Challenge and Motu) and the Engagement Lead (GNS Science).

3) **Work closely with scientists to understand recent outputs released under [CCII](#).** Design and implement a programme of work to understand how the information can be used, and communicate these outputs to relevant stakeholders. This will involve:

- Understanding the range of downscaled climate data, models and knowledge available from CCII,
- With key end users, identifying outputs that could be of significant value, and
- Facilitating interpretation and, where necessary, data manipulation to make these key outputs accessible.



In order to achieve the above, also ensure:

- The Representative User Group functions well (a group of stakeholders who advise on Deep South related matters),
 - Co-ordinate the Representative User Group meetings; set agenda with the Impacts and Implications Lead, Deep South Challenge Director, and Representative User Group Chair; take minutes and circulate,
- That relevant information is reported to the Science Leadership Team, Technical Advisory Committee on Engagement, Board and the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment when appropriate, and
- Participate in strategic planning for the Deep South Challenge.

Reporting

The role reports to the Deep South Impacts and Implications and Engagement Leads. The person will also work closely with the Deep South Director, Communications Advisor and the Earth System Model Data Contact.

Skills and experience:

- Relevant research qualification (e.g. Masters level), or equivalent in work experience
- Excellent communication skills (written and verbal)
 - Ability to understand and translate research into forms that are useful for end users
- Excellent people skills
 - Experience working with diverse colleagues and stakeholders
 - Experience working with similar end users (central government, local government, iwi or industry) would be very helpful
 - Familiarity with methods of engagement
- Self-starter with initiative
 - Excellent time management skills
- Knowledge of current university, tertiary and public sector environments, including Crown Research Institutes, is an advantage
- Experience working in the climate change sector is an advantage

Details:

Start date January 2018 (preferred but negotiable)

Employed by Motu Economic and Public Policy Research, and based at Motu in Wellington

Fulltime (negotiable) Contract Position – minimum of 18 months.

\$80,000 - \$100,000 per annum (pro rata)

Role comes with some support and limited funding to cover expenses

Submit your CV and application letter by 5pm, 13 December to: deepsouth@motu.org.nz.