



Casual Outreach Officer; CITIZEN SCIENCE

School/Centre	School of Life and Environmental Sciences
Faculty/Institute/Division	Science, Engineering and Built Environment
Classification	HEW 5
Responsible to	Professor of Terrestrial Ecology
Hours of Work	Casual, up to the equivalent of 4 months full time between August 2018 and April 2019
Primary Location of Work	Melbourne Burwood Campus

Vacancy Closes	Sunday 16 September 2018
Vacancy Reference Number	180641
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POSITION PURPOSE

The Outreach Officer will coordinate a citizen science project including gathering participants in country Victoria, liaising with stakeholders and other duties to ensure the project's success.

POSITION CONTEXT

Biodiversity declines are costing human societies in the order of trillions of dollars annually of lost benefits, with species losses suggesting we may be entering the sixth mass extinction in the planet's history. The TechnEcology Research Network of Deakin University, in partnerships with environmental agencies, NGOs and industry, aims to play its role in reversing these losses by linking people to nature through new technologies and citizen science. TechnEcology is seeking an outreach officer to play the key role in an exciting project that integrates new wildlife monitoring technology with citizen scientists.

The Deakin University Deputy Vice Chancellor's office for research supports Deakin University Research Networks. The TechnEcology Research Network comprises members from the Faculties of Science, Engineering and Built Environment, Arts and Education, Business and Law, and Health. The casual Outreach Officer reports to Professor of Terrestrial Ecology in the School of Life and Environmental Sciences. The Outreach Officer will identify and contact citizen scientists in collaboration with *Land For Wildlife*, help set up wildlife monitoring equipment with citizen scientist and provide training to collect and upload data. The Outreach Officer will also lead delegates to discuss new projects with additional partners, in collaboration with TechnEcology members. The Outreach Officer will be required to travel in Victoria and be available for interstate travel, including trips that extend for more than one day.

PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Enlist, train and maintain a citizen science community, ensuring community development and data collection.
2. Work effectively to engage with potential partners to negotiate future projects.
3. Constructively contribute to a vibrant research team, including participating with colleagues in developing and maintaining links and partnerships with industry and the wider community.

KEY DUTIES

1. Identify, contact and recruit citizen scientists.
2. Provide assistance to citizen scientists in setting up wildlife monitoring equipment.
3. Provide training in collecting and uploading data.
4. Lead delegations to discuss new projects with additional partners.
5. Any other duties as directed, commensurate with the scope and classification of the position

ABOUT YOU

To be successful at Deakin you are willing to enthusiastically embrace the Deakin Offer and Promise as expressed in the Deakin University Strategic Plan, and must share the University's values.

You will be a person who is ambitious for Deakin University's success and optimistic about its future; and will display diligence, have great resolve and a focus on producing results.

SELECTION CRITERIA - ESSENTIAL

Training/Qualifications:

- Successful completion of Year 12

Experience:

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- Experience in public engagement and outreach

Skills/Techniques:

- Demonstrated communication and interpersonal skills, particularly face-to-face negotiation with private landholders, executives, or other staff in potential partner organisations.
- Strong written communication skills.
- A high level of self-organization, initiative and drive.
- Capacity to work independently, with little direct supervision.
- Capacity to visit people on private properties, carry and set up equipment in forested areas.

SELECTION CRITERIA - DESIRABLE**Training/Qualifications:**

- Completion of a degree or post-graduate qualification in science or other relevant discipline.

Experience:

- Demonstrated skills with GIS/data handling
- Experience in community training
- Experience using web interfaces and social media

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Infrequent work outside business hours is required (e.g. work at evening or weekend events is required)
- Frequent travel will be required within Victoria and interstate to visit private properties and research partners.
- Victorian Driver Licence (manual)
- This role has been identified as having contact with children and requires the incumbent to apply for and maintain a Working With Children Check (refer to Deakin's Recruitment Procedure for further details)

TO APPLY

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It is not the intention of the position description to limit the scope or accountabilities of the position but to highlight the most important aspects of the position. The aspects mentioned above may be altered in accordance with the changing requirements of the role.