

Position Title	Research Communications Officer
Classification	Level 7
School/Division	UWA School of Agriculture and Environment
Centre/Section	NESP Resilient Landscapes Hub
Supervisor Title	Manager (Communications)
Supervisor Position Number	321637
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Your work area

The Resilient Landscapes Hub sits within the School for Agriculture and Environment at The University of Western Australia (UWA) and is one of four research Hubs under the Australian Government's National Environmental Research Program (NESP). With 50 projects around Australia, the Hub provides research to inform the management of Australia's terrestrial and freshwater habitats to promote resilience, sustainability and productive practices. The Resilient Landscapes Hub delivers applied research to support the management of Australia's terrestrial and freshwater habitats, including a focus on bushfire recovery, feral animals and invasive species impacts. The Hub delivers accessible science to assist land managers in developing and maintaining resilient, sustainable and productive landscapes. With a budget of \$47 million over six years, the Hub includes researchers from 11 universities, the CSIRO and state government research agencies.

Reporting structure

Reports to: Manager (Communications)

Your role

As the appointee, under broad direction, you will support the Hub Leader and the Manager (Communications) in the dissemination and adoption of the Hub's research findings. You will be responsible for creating, developing, and coordinating science communication products and activities, including writing plain-language summaries, media releases, newsletter stories, and digital content. You will also coordinate the Hub's website and social media channels, organise events, and engage with a broad network of stakeholders, including government agencies, industry bodies, Indigenous communities, and environmental groups.

Additionally, you will monitor and report on the impact of communication activities, liaise with external contractors, and ensure stakeholder input is effectively integrated into Hub communications.

Your key responsibilities

Contribute to the implementation of the Hub's Communication Strategy in collaboration with the Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEE).

Develop, create and review science communication products, such as factsheets, newsletter stories, media releases, reports and webpages, that are tailored to the needs of different research users and collaborative partners.

Develop and maintain the Hub's website and social media channels with engaging and relevant content.

Facilitate communication activities to ensure the knowledge and tools developed by Hub research are effectively adopted by target audiences.

Coordinate workshops, briefings and networking opportunities to gather stakeholder feedback and input.

Liaise with funders at DCCEEW, as well as external service providers, to ensure smooth communication and project alignment.

Perform other duties as directed.

Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)

Relevant tertiary qualification in science communication, science, natural resource management, or similar discipline, or demonstrated equivalent competency.

Substantial relevant communications experience at an appropriate level, including at least one of the following:

- Expertise in content management systems such as WordPress, with experience in producing and maintaining web content, and proficiency in creating content for online and social media channels
- Experience engaging with broadcast and print media to promote research outcomes; and/or
- Proficiency in the production of communication materials, preferably using Adobe Creative Suite.

Strong ability to understand and translate scientific outcomes into targeted communication products, such as factsheets, newsletter stories, and content for online/social media channels.

Experience engaging with a wide range of stakeholders, such as government agencies, industry bodies, Indigenous groups, environment organisations, community groups, research institutions and the media.

Excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills.

Highly developed organisational skills with the demonstrated ability to set priorities and meet deadlines.

Proficiency in a range of computing skills including word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, internet and email.

Ability to work independently, show initiative and work productively as part of a team.

Special requirements (selection criteria)

Current "C" or "CA" class driver's licence.

Occasional travel within the state and interstate may be required.

Compliance

Ensure you are aware of and comply with legislation and University policies.

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