## Position Summary

The UNSW Centre for Sustainable Development Reform (CSDR), established by the UNSW Faculty of Law and Justice in 2022, aims to connect knowledge and people to make small steps towards big changes. It creates safe spaces for changemakers—from government, business, and wider society—to plan pragmatic action for a sustainable low-carbon future informed by knowledge and insights from across the world. The CSDR builds on diverse research, education, and knowledge exchange partnerships aligned with global sustainable development commitments to drive forward the implementation of innovative and transformative workstreams. Currently active in over 20 countries, the CSDR works closely with decision-makers across government, international institutions, local communities, and the private and non-private sectors to create new approaches to decision-making as well as bold and intelligent reforms.

Our team is made up of multi-disciplinary focussed researchers and experts who are working on topics at the intersections of economics, politics, law, environmental management, data science and development. The CSDR Post-Doctoral Fellow (Applied Economist) is expected to contribute towards the research effort of the CSDR through significant contribution to the projects under the Global Ocean Accounting Partnership. The Post Doc Fellow will continue to build an individual research profile and will develop their research expertise through the pursuit of defined projects relevant to their particular field.

The role of CSDR Post-Doctoral Fellow reports to the CSDR Director and has no direct reports.

## Accountabilities

Specific accountabilities for this role include:

* Use existing foundational knowledge and apply specialist economic expertise to contribute to and advance findings on the topics linking ecosystem and economic accounting data, national and satellite accounts, blue economy analysis sustainable governmental financing and subsequent associated policy advice.
* Contribute independently and as a team member in collaborative interdisciplinary research concerning topics: sustainable development of the ocean economy and ocean-based sectors, sustainable development policy and practice partnerships, design of legislative and policy enabling frameworks for Beyond GDP development, sustainable development of natural capital and ecosystem services.
* Collaborate with colleagues and partner countries across all relevant projects within the Centre to support the broad spectrum of work being undertaken.
* Disseminate findings to create scholarly and developmental impact which is globally and locally recognised by peers through academic journal articles, conferences and presentations, and publicly accessible knowledge products that advance the utilisation of disciplinary knowledge.
* Conduct research/scholarly activities under limited supervision, either independently or as a member of a team (as per the norms of the discipline) and design research projects.
* Establish a personal research portfolio and start developing independent research proposals, and under the guidance of the Directors, contribute to the growth of the economists within the Centre.
* Contribute to the growth of the Centre through the development of government and donor relations; fundraising, grant application preparation and competitive funding applications under the guidance of senior colleagues. This will include participating as co-investigator or chief investigator in grant applications.
* Mentor and guide students and colleagues and develop the next generation of academics through involvement in supervision of HDRs (as per the norms of the discipline).
* Align with and actively demonstrate the [UNSW Values in Action: Our Behaviours](https://unsw.sharepoint.com/sites/values-in-action) and the [UNSW Code of Conduct](https://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/codeofconduct.pdf).
* Cooperate with all health and safety policies and procedures of the university and take all reasonable care to ensure that your actions or omissions do not impact on the health and safety of yourself or others.

Skills and Experience

* A PhD in a related discipline of applied economics and/or relevant work experience across either public finance, analysis for policy making, national accounts, environmental economics accounts, national capital accounting or ecosystem evaluation. Experience working on Marine related issues is highly desirable.
* Demonstrated track record in research with outcomes of high quality and high impact with clear evidence of the desire and ability to continually achieve research excellence as well as the capacity for research leadership.
* Demonstrated experience in the development and provision of policy advice to governments, public authorities or similar.
* Proven commitment to proactively keeping up to date with discipline knowledge and developments.
* High level communication skills and ability to network effectively and interact with a diverse range of stakeholders.
* Demonstrated ability to work in a team, collaborate across disciplines, create innovative solutions to complex problems and build effective relationships.
* Evidence of highly developed interpersonal and organisational skills.
* Experience working in varied cultural contexts, interacting with government ministers and senior officials and experience in training and workshop delivery are all highly desirable.
* An understanding of and commitment to UNSW’s aims, objectives and values in action, together with relevant policies and guidelines.
* Knowledge of health and safety responsibilities and commitment to attending relevant health and safety training.

Pre-employment checks required for this position

* Verification of qualifications

About this document

This Position Description outlines the objectives, desired outcomes, key responsibilities, accountabilities, required skills, experience and desired behaviours required to successfully perform the role.

This template is not intended to limit the scope or accountabilities of the position. Characteristics of the position may be altered in accordance with the changing requirements of the role.