

Future Earth Vacancy: Ocean Knowledge Action Science Officer (France)

The Ocean Knowledge Action Network, part of the Future Earth Network and hosted by CNRS, is seeking a Science Officer

1-year contract (renewable subject to satisfactory performance)

Location: Paris (France)

Closing date for applications: Applications will be reviewed as we receive them. The call will be closed as soon as a candidate is successful, and no later than August 6, 2021.

The Ocean Knowledge Action Network

The Ocean knowledge Action Network (Ocean KAN) is an international knowledge sharing organization with a mission to catalyse and facilitate the co-creation of ocean science for sustainable development, with a particular focus on supporting the work of the [UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development](#). The Ocean KAN is part of the [Future Earth](#) network.

The Ocean KAN is led by an international Steering Committee and is hosted by the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) and is located at the Sorbonne University (Pierre et Marie Curie Campus). The Ocean KAN is newly established and has an Executive Director.

Task description

The Science Officer will work hand-in-hand with the Executive Director to build this global knowledge action network. The Science Officer will work in a dynamic international setting on a range of issues related to the co-creation of science and will participate in all activities pertaining to the administrative, strategic, and scientific development of the Ocean KAN.

The primary responsibilities of the Science Officer will include:

- a. Working with the Executive Director to coordinate activities with the Steering Committee including event organisation, liaison with partners, allied networks, researchers, and science-policy platforms such as UNESCO's IOC, the UN Decade of Ocean Science, Future Earth, SCOR, WCRP, IPBES, IPCC, UNFCCC, CBD, and more.

- b. Working with the Executive Director to guarantee that Early Career Ocean Professionals are fully incorporated into the activities of the Ocean KAN and those of the UN Decade, including capacity and network building activities.
- c. Working with the Executive Director to build and employ modern networking software to facilitate global networking by Ocean KAN partners and members.
- d. Working with the Executive Director to support the Ocean KAN governance system (including a Steering Committee and Sponsors Group) to develop: a short-term set of strategic priorities, a roadmap of actions and activities, and a fund-raising plan.
- e. The Science Officer will also serve, along with the Executive Director, as a spokesperson for the Ocean KAN and will be asked to represent the Ocean KAN at conferences and meetings - including giving presentations.
- f. The role is dynamic and will evolve in line with the requirements of the Ocean KAN as it grows.

Candidate qualification requirements:

- At least a Master's level degree preferably in sustainability science or ocean disciplines (natural or social sciences or maritime law). Other fields will be considered.
- Experience in international teams is especially valuable.
- Excellent organizational and communications skills. Ability to set priorities.
- Experience in facilitation and network coordination is an advantage as is familiarity and facility working with networking and meeting software (e.g. Hivebrite, Wonder.me, Gathertown, etc.)
- Well-developed sense of autonomy and ability to demonstrate flexibility and adaptability.
- Excellent communication skills (oral and written). To evaluate writing skills, a test will be conducted during the interview.
- Fluency in English. Working knowledge of French and/or other languages is considered an advantage.
- Availability to travel within France and internationally.

Conditions

- The position will start September 1, 2021.
- 1-year appointment, with the possibility of extension subject to satisfactory performance.
- Full-time French CDD contract (Contrat à durée déterminée).
- Maximum annual gross salary is on the order of 32k € depending on the skills and experience of the successful candidate.

Note: The successful candidate must imperatively be eligible to work in France (i.e. EU citizen or holder of valid French work permit) for the duration of the contract.

Application procedure

Applicants to this position are requested to submit an English language curriculum vitae and cover letter describing how their skills and experience will help them meet the requirements of the role. Non-EU citizens must provide a copy of their French work permit.

Applications, in one combined PDF file, should be sent via email to

Linwood.pendleton@univ-brest.fr with 'Ocean KAN Science Officer' in the subject line.

Applications will be reviewed as we receive them. The call will be closed as soon as a candidate is successful, and no later than August 6, 2021. Interviews will be held in person in Paris or alternatively online as needed.