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IORA Blue Carbon Hub Early career visiting professional program Call for applications – 2022

Blue carbon ecosystems help support food security and livelihoods and play an important role in disaster risk reduction and climate change mitigation and adaptation. However, when degraded they can become significant sources of greenhouse gases, contributing to climate change. Robust science, policy and governance frameworks are key to protection and restoration of this important natural capital. Recognising this, the [IORA Blue Carbon Hub](#) aims to build knowledge and capacity relevant to protecting and restoring blue carbon ecosystems throughout the Indian Ocean, in a way that enhances livelihoods, reduces risks from coastal hazards, and helps mitigate climate change. The Hub's activities are broadly divided into two nodes: science and finance.

Applications are now open for early-career (<6 years since graduation from highest degree) visiting scientists from [IORA Member States](#) to visit the Hub's office at the Indian Ocean Marine Research Centre in Perth (Australia) to undertake a project — projects can include activities such as original research, reviews or development of policy briefs, but we encourage applicants to suggest their own ideas. Visits will be from 6-8 weeks in duration, over the months of June - August 2022. Costs associated with the visit (airfares, accommodation, visa application fees) will be covered by the Hub, but salaries are not covered. Successful candidates will be selected through a competitive process.

Please note due to Australian COVID-19 restrictions you will need to be fully vaccinated (in Western Australia this is three doses) and have a vaccine that is approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

Prospective applicants should send an application to iora.bluecarbonhub@csiro.au with a copy to the IORA Secretariat hq@iora.int and contain the following responses under the headings:

1. Name, title, country and institutional affiliation
2. Node of proposed activity: science or finance
3. Proposed activity (no more than 500 words)
4. Proposed collaborator(s) including their role and institutional affiliation
5. Declaration of vaccination status – please state that you meet Australian travel requirements for both [Australia](#) and [Western Australia](#).

The deadline for applications is **15 April 2022**. Applicants will be notified by **9th May 2022**.

Please see FAQs on the [hub website](#) for more information.