

FAQs

Early Career Visiting Professional Program - 2022

Q: Who can apply?

Applications are open to citizens or residents of an [IORA Member State](#)

Q: What should I include in the application?

A: You should include your CV with your application.

Q: Where should the collaborators be from?

A: Collaborators can be from anywhere, preferably an [IORA Member State](#) but we'd like the successful candidate to work closely with the Hub.

Our goal is to generate networks that will help improve knowledge; if you would like us to suggest a potential collaborator please send a brief description of the project you are planning to Lauren Hardiman (lauren.hardiman@csiro.au) and Mat Vanderklift (mat.vanderklift@csiro.au) before you submit your application.

Q: Is there funding to cover meals and local transport?

A: The hub will cover the costs of full board (accommodation and meals) in Perth (near the IORA Blue Carbon Hub).

Q: Can the project involve activities such as in situ data collection or field work?

A: We don't exclude fieldwork, but we prefer the bulk of the visit to be spent at the Hub offices in Perth.

Q: Can fieldwork activity (e.g. boats, transport etc) costs be covered?

A: If there are some modest costs associated with fieldwork, the Hub will try to accommodate this, but funds are limited for this type of activity.

Q: When should my project be completed?

A: Projects should aim to be finished in the 6-8-week period whilst working with the Hub in Perth, Australia. The aim of the project should be to have a compact project in association with the Hub to accelerate the results.

Q: What can my project be about?

A: Proposed projects should fall into one of the two categories: blue carbon finance or blue carbon science. Projects can include activities such as original research, reviews or development of policy briefs, but we encourage applicants to suggest their own ideas.

In 2020, research topics included:

- modelling the future impacts of sea level rise on tidal marshes
- the use of drones as a tool to detect and distinguish seagrass species; and
- preparing a methodology handbook for an economic assessment of blue carbon ecosystem services.

Read more [here](#) about the 2020 cohort of early career visiting scientists. If you would like to know if your idea is in scope, please send a brief description of the project you are planning to Lauren Hardiman (lauren.hardiman@csiro.au) and Mat Vanderklift (mat.vanderklift@csiro.au) before you submit your application.

Q: How do I obtain a visa for Australia

Appropriate visas can be found using this link: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder> the costs incurred will be covered by the hub.

Q: What are the COVID-19 requirements and considerations?

You will need to be fully vaccinated for travel to and from Australia. This means meeting both Australian and State (Western Australia) entry requirements. Australia requires incoming travellers to have received a full course of a vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). More details are found [here](#). This is currently two doses of an approved vaccine. The Western Australian government has a requirement for domestic arrivals from elsewhere in Australia to be triple-vaccinated. Requirements might change so please regularly review the guidelines about entering WA [here](#).

Requirements for incoming travellers might change, but advise using current requirements is that you will need to organise and upload your International COVID-19 Vaccination certificate online 72 hours before travel and when arriving into Australia – details are found [here](#). We will also be ensuring that COVID safe measures are adhered to by providing Rapid Antigen Tests on arrival and throughout the visit in Australia.

You may also need to apply for a [G2G](#) pass to enter Western Australia.

Please note that these requirements may change.

Q: How can I obtain an International COVID-19 vaccination certificate?

If you do not have an International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate you must obtain a certificate from the country in which you received your vaccination. More information can be found [here](#).

Q: What if I cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons?

If you cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons you must provide acceptable proof. Please see more information [here](#).

If you have any further questions, please contact lauren.hardiman@csiro.au or iora.bluecarbonhub@csiro.au

Please only send applications to: the IORA Blue Carbon Hub (iora.bluecarbonhub@csiro.au) with copy to the IORA Secretariat (hq@iora.int) by the **15th April 2022**.