**Chief Scientific Information Officer**

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**About Us**

Geoscience Australia is an Australian Government listed entity within the Jobs and Innovation portfolio.

Geoscience Australia is Australia's pre-eminent public sector geoscience organisation. We are the nation's trusted advisor on the geology and geography of Australia. We apply science and technology to describe and understand the Earth for the benefit of Australia. We apply our diverse professional expertise, our deep and trusted knowledge, our national-scale Earth observation infrastructure and our strong partnerships, to the opportunities and challenges that face our nation.

**Our Culture**

Geoscience Australia values diversity in gender, backgrounds, culture, and experiences of our employees and is committed to providing an inclusive workplace culture that ensures everyone has equal opportunity to contribute, participate and progress.

Geoscience Australia is committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of its employees and has a work health and safety management system that incorporates a wellness program.

We offer a flexible, diverse and inclusive workplace and an attractive remuneration package including generous employer superannuation contributions.

Further information about pay and conditions can be found in the [Enterprise Agreement 2016-19](#).

Applicants who are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, come from a diverse cultural or linguistic background or have a disability are encouraged to apply. We aim to ensure that all applicants are treated fairly and that they have equal access to job opportunities.

**The Role**

Geoscience Australia makes accessible a wide range of geoscientific and spatial data, information and knowledge, and provides expert advice and services to a national and international audience. These activities are all underpinned by strong data and information management systems and ICT infrastructure. The main objective of the Chief Scientific Information Officer (CSIO) is to ensure that
Geoscience Australia’s scientific information and data systems, technologies, infrastructure, strategies and services support the organisation’s scientific data and computing needs. And in the rapidly changing technology climate ensure that these systems are meeting our client’s expectations for usability. Ensuring Geoscience Australia has the ability to provide timely, coherent access to a wide range of geoscientific data, syntheses, and knowledge for its increasingly broad set of clients and the capacity to team with those clients to deliver solutions is particularly important. The development of a partnership with each of the organisation’s geoscience Divisions and support areas is critical. The CSIO is also responsible for other key external engagement functions: the education centre, library, collection management and external client services; and for ensuring these are aligned with Geoscience Australia’s communications and stakeholder engagement strategy.

Role Duties

The CSIO will:

- Plan and lead the efficient and effective delivery of digital science and information functions and associated planning, policy and advice, including:
  - scientific data and information management systems and technology; access to high performance computing and cloud services; scientific infrastructure and storage services,
  - enterprise architecture that supports and enables science and the education centre, library, collections management and external client services.
- Support and sustain Geoscience Australia’s role in developing geoscience and geospatial information interoperability.
- Anticipate and respond to internal scientific and business information needs, and to external digital science, business, academic, community and government-policy drivers.
- Represent Geoscience Australia in high-level consultations and whole-of-government information management and technology forums.
- Provide advice to the CEO and Divisional Chiefs in the areas of data and Information management systems, technology and infrastructure, ensuring that Geoscience Australia is managing its data and information as a strategic asset and maximising its value.
- Lead, plan and coordinate a Branch of approximately 80 employees in the delivery of digital science and information functions to enable the achievement of Geoscience Australia outcomes, while driving and maintaining a positive culture.
- Report directly to the Chief Scientist and, as a member of the executive team, contribute to the formulation of Geoscience Australia’s strategic direction and goals.

Our Ideal Candidate

To be successful in the role you will:

- Have an ability to quickly develop a comprehensive understanding of Geoscience Australia’s scientific data and information needs.
- Be highly service focussed, and have the strong ability to work effectively with highly specialised individuals and teams at all levels within and beyond external boundaries if necessary.
- Have strong aptitude to lead reform in a complex data and information technological environment.
- Have the ability to lead innovative scientific data and/or computing transformations.
- Have a scientific background or aptitude to work with scientific data and scientific teams.
Key Relationships:

**Internal:** Chief Executive Officer, Chief Scientist, and members of the Senior Leadership Team.

**External:** Minister’s Office and a wide range of private sector stakeholders, stakeholders in Commonwealth, State/Territory and local government; academia and other research agencies.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this position you must be an Australian citizen at the time of applications closing and be able to obtain and maintain (or currently hold) a Negative Vetting Level Two security clearance.

Commencement of employment is subject to the successful applicant undergoing and satisfying a police history check.

RecruitAbility applies to this vacancy. Under the RecruitAbility scheme you will be invited to participate in further assessment activity for the vacancy if you choose to apply under the scheme; declare you have a disability; and meet the minimum requirements for the position. For more information see: [http://www.apsc.gov.au/priorities/disability/recruitability](http://www.apsc.gov.au/priorities/disability/recruitability)

Hearing or speech impaired applicants are invited to use the National Relay Service by contacting 133 677, and requesting to be connected with our Recruitment team on 02) 6249 9777 in order to obtain selection documentation.

To Apply


Applicants will be asked to provide a statement (up to two pages) outlining how you will lead digital science and innovation across GA, and how your skills, knowledge, experiences and qualifications make you the best person for the job.

Position contact: Rachel Przeslawski (02) 6249 9101, Rachel.Przeslawski@ga.gov.au

For assistance contact HR on (02) 6249 9777 or email hr@ga.gov.au