

Pacific Early Career Ocean Professional: Short-term placements to support Ocean Offices across the Blue Pacific

Background

The Pacific Community Centre for Ocean Science (PCCOS) is creating a network of Pacific Early Career Ocean Professionals (Pacific ECOP) to support Ocean Offices in Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) and engage with young people in the Ocean sector. The placement program aims to build leadership capacity and empower Pacific ECOPs in the Ocean sector.

Objectives

- Develop knowledge and skills among ECOP peers and senior researchers.
- Provide networking, resource sharing, and promotion of new opportunities.
- Contribute to ocean solutions and actions in the Pacific, including to the Decade of Ocean Science initiatives in the Pacific.
- Empower and build the capacity of Pacific ECOPs for ocean leadership.

Scope of Work

- Support Ocean Offices in PICTs in implementing Integrated Ocean Management (IOM) and National Ocean Policies (NOP).
- Conduct studies on Integrated Ocean Management, capacity gaps, and ocean stakeholders.
- Initiate in-country ECOP engagement and mapping exercises where possible.
- Support in-country ECOP surveys and contribute to the development of national ECOP priority actions.

Duration and Location

- Duration: 3 to 6 months (subject to funding)
- Location: National Ocean Offices (or equivalent) in 22 PICT members of SPC.

Qualifications

- Tertiary qualification in marine affairs, biology, chemistry, marine science, oceanography, management, policy or relevant disciplines (obtained in the previous 12 months or in progress).
- Good knowledge and experience in Pacific Island countries and territories.
- Strong interpersonal skills and computer proficiency.
- Excellent English language communication skills.
- Own laptop essential.

Application Process

Send your resume, transcript and expression of interest to <pccosstaff@spc.int> or Dr Katy Soapi, Coordinator Partnerships and Engagement at PCCOS: Email: katys@spc.int.

Note: Monthly payments are provided as part of these placements.