

Vacancies at Future Earth

The Future Earth Secretariat is seeking a Science Officer
on Research Enabling for the Montreal Global Hub

Location

Future Earth Global Hub – Montreal, Suite 1020, 1250 Guy Street, H3H 2T4 Montreal, Quebec, Canada; employer: Future Earth International

Closing date and start of contract

Open until a suitable applicant is found; interviews will start on 15th February, so candidates are encouraged to submit their application before this date - Start immediately

The Future Earth initiative

[Future Earth](#) is the international research platform providing the knowledge and support to accelerate our transformations to a sustainable world. Bringing together and in partnership with existing programmes on global environmental change, Future Earth coordinates new, inter- and trans-disciplinary approaches to research on three themes: Dynamic Planet, Global Sustainable Development and Transformations towards Sustainability. It is also a platform for international engagement to ensure that knowledge is generated in partnership with society and users of research. This international initiative was developed under the auspices of the Science and Technology Alliance for Global Sustainability including the following international organisations: UNESCO, UNEP, UNU, WMO, ICSU, ISSC, WMO and the Belmont Forum.

Future Earth is served by a globally distributed Secretariat that uniquely encompasses five Global Hubs (Boulder in Colorado, Montreal, Paris, Stockholm, Tokyo) connected through a dynamic, networked structure. This also includes Regional Centres and partners. The distributed model unites a diversity of perspectives, stakeholders and geographical locations. The Secretariat works through virtual teams that ensure that this diversity of perspectives and global reach are a daily reality.

The Montreal hub was established under the auspices of a consortium including the following members: Fonds de Recherche du Québec, Montreal International, Concordia University, École de Technologie Supérieure, Institut national de la recherche scientifique, McGill University, OURANOS, Polytechnique Montréal, Université de Montréal, Université du Québec à Montréal. The office of the Montreal hub is hosted at Concordia University and also hosts the Executive Office of Future Earth. This hub is responsible of two main functions of the Future Earth Global Secretariat: overall Coordination and Synthesis & Foresight.

The Montreal Global Hub is seeking a Science Officer to contribute to the development of the Research Enabling function of Future Earth.

Research Enabling function connects existing and new projects within the Future Earth community to other research communities and supports the establishment of Knowledge Action Networks (KANs), with a focus on [8 societal challenges](#). The Research Enabling function is also responsible for bringing in communities that work on data, observation and modelling, and working on the research aspects of stakeholder engagement and dialogue that broaden and integrate knowledge production (co-design and co-production of knowledge).

Position Description

We seek an individual with both a strong scientific background (PhD level) in humanities, natural or social science disciplines relevant to Future Earth vision and activities i.e. in the field

of sustainable development and global environmental changes, and with experience in research coordination. Experience in interdisciplinary research projects is required, and experience in trans-disciplinarity is an asset.

Candidates with experience in research on urbanization and/or Earth ecological-social modelling are encouraged as research activities on urbanization and sustainable development are coordinated by the Montreal Global Hub.

The Research Enabling work at the Montreal Global Hub will include liaison to existing research projects and developing new ones at the global scale as well as at the local scale, working in close collaboration with the Montreal Consortium partners and local research and stakeholders' communities.

The Science Officer will work as part of a globally distributed Research Enabling Team to be the point of entry, exchange, dialogue and feedback between the Secretariat and the research communities in their joint pursuit of the Future Earth agenda. She/He will support and work under the supervision of the Montreal Global Hub Director.

Candidate qualifications and key competencies

- PhD in the field of global environmental changes or sustainable development from the physical, biological, social, economics or humanities disciplines
- Research experience on issues related to urbanization is desired
- Research experience in modelling will be an asset
- Minimum 3 years' experience with interdisciplinary projects
- Familiarity and experience with stakeholders communities and/or international organizations (science, policy, NGOs, etc.) in the field of the environment and sustainability is highly desired
- Both international and local research (and stakeholder) networks are highly desired
- Minimum of 4 years' experience in research project coordination and management
- Excellent spoken and written English required; excellent spoken and written French is highly desired
- Sound judgment, strong sense of confidentiality, tactful and sensitive to diverse cultures and constituents
- Superior communication, organizational and interpersonal skills with ability to multitask are essential
- Ability to work independently and in collaboration with an international team are essential
- Must be available to regularly work outside normal working hours
- Must be available to extensively travel.

Salary scale

Based on qualification and experience (permanent position).

Application procedure

Applicants to this position are requested to submit a *curriculum vitae*, together with a cover letter describing their interest in the position, and how their skills and experience would help them meet the requirements of the role. Please also include the name and contact details of two referees. Applications - **in English and in one combined PDF file** - should be sent via email with "**Science Officer-Research-Montreal hub**" in the subject line to **montrealhub@futureearth.org**. Further information on Future Earth and this position: Dr Anne-Hélène Prieur-Richard, Global Hub Director-Montreal (email: montrealhub@futureearth.org; Phone: +1-514-848-2275; website: www.futureearth.org).