



New Zealand's Biological Heritage National Science Challenge

Interim Research Leadership roles: Challenge Science Leadership Group (SLG)

Call for Expressions of Interest

Before you read this document

This document should be read in conjunction with the associated document: **Position Description for Interim Research Leaders.**

Scope

We are seeking Expressions of Interest (Eols) from individuals with relevant expertise to join the Challenge's Science Leadership Group (SLG). Positions are available for three or more individuals to join the team as the Challenge enters the implementation phase of its [2019-2024 Strategy](#).

Applicants will be expected to work closely with other members of the SLG and with the Challenge's Governance Group, Kāhui Māori and Knowledge Brokers to influence investment across a wide range of organisations including research, Māori, industry, government agencies, and communities, focused on seven Strategic Outcome (SO) areas that will deliver overall benefit for Aotearoa New Zealand.

Successful applicants may be given the opportunity to continue in leadership roles in the Challenge in Tranche 2 (i.e. from July 2019).

The Challenge will also consider co-funding positions with other organisations, and/or secondment arrangements.

Skills required

Applicants must be enthusiastic about the Challenge's [values](#), and willing to uphold these at all times.

Preference will be given to impact-oriented individuals with a strategic focus on delivering outcomes for the benefit of New Zealand. Disciplinary expertise from a wide range of backgrounds and perspectives will be considered. Existing networks with researchers, end users; iwi, hapū and whānau; communities and NGOs; the philanthropic sector; business and industry; or other relevant stakeholders would be an advantage.

Individuals from groups that are traditionally under-represented in science and research (e.g. Māori and Pasifika) are encouraged to submit expressions of interest. Early-career researchers are also encouraged to apply for Interim Leadership roles. The Challenge will provide mentoring and support for these individuals.

Application process and timeline

It is strongly recommended that you familiarise yourself with the Challenge's [Strategy](#) and [values](#) and contact a member of the [Challenge's Science Leadership Group](#) before submitting an Eol. The closing date for submission is 19 December 2018. EOLs must be submitted to support@biologicalheritage.nz by 5pm on this date.



Evaluation process

Initial Expressions of Interest will be evaluated by the Challenge Science Leadership Group (SLG) using the information submitted on the application form, and subsequent conversations. The SLG will make recommendations to the Challenge's Governance Group and Kāhui Māori on new SLG members.

The Governance Group will approve the final appointments.

Eols will be evaluated no later than 21 January 2019. Individuals will be contacted in writing with a decision no later than 8 February 2019.

Key dates

- Call for Eols released – 5 December 2018
- Eol applications close – 5pm 19 December 2018
- Eols evaluated – 21 January 2019
- Individuals notified of outcome – 8 February 2019 at the latest

Application Form

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The [application form](#) is designed to elicit a brief summary of your personal interests, understanding of the Challenge values, and the expertise, skills and experience you can contribute to the Challenge's SLG.

Note: The Challenge also intends to solicit Eols. We also welcome nominations from individuals or organisations other than the applicant.

Please email Eols using the [application form \(available on our website\)](#) to Support@biologicalheritage.nz as a word document **by 5pm on 19 December 2018**.

Please submit only the completed application form. Proposals exceeding the word limits will not be accepted. Other documents, including CVs, are not required and will not be accepted.

Any questions? Contact Support@biologicalheritage.nz