Job posting

Type of position

- ☒ scientific
- ☐ administrative

Target group

- ☐ graduates
- ☐ post docs
- ☐ other

Title

Senior Community Engagement Officer, EMBO Science Policy Programme

Institution

EMBO stands for excellence in the life sciences. We support talented research careers in Europe and beyond, stimulate the exchange of scientific information, and create a research environment where scientists can achieve their best work.

Position

The EMBO Science Policy Programme examines concerns emerging from advancing research, with an emphasis on the life sciences. Our aim is to provide informed policy advice to policymakers, research administrators, scientists, and other decision-makers. We achieve this through policy research, engaging the EMBO community and other experts. EMBO pursues a wide range of European and international projects.

The EMBO community (Members, Young Investigators, Fellows) is an integral part of research policy and practice. Individuals participate in policy workshops, contribute to the European level, and support the adoption of good practices in responsible research and innovation.

EMBO now wants to engage the community in a wider set of activities.

Responsibilities

The Senior Community Engagement Officer will have the following responsibilities:

- Maintain awareness of the EMBO community’s work and its policy implications. Report regularly to the EMBO Director and the head of the Science Policy Programme on policy-relevant projects. For example:
  - Collect input from members for European level consultations and assist in submitting it;
  - Help to identify individuals to participate in EMBO policy workshops;
  - Organize standing and ad hoc working groups of Members and Young Investigators to address important emerging issues in research with the intent of advising the EMBO Director on how the EMBO community of researchers and policymakers.
  - Assist the EMBO Director’s work to inform policymakers about research and larger societal goals, and the resources they need to do so.

- Provide services for the community
  - Assist the EMBO community to help individuals identify appropriate channels of discussion concerning science, and research policy, to policymakers; assist them in shaping responses to these concerns; and inform the community of opportunities to observe or participate in decision-making processes.
  - With the EMBO Director and head of the programme, help to strengthen the EMBO network involving EMBO Members, Young Investigators and Fellows.
  - Work across EMBO Programmes and with leadership to develop a corps of EMBO Young Investigators willing to rapidly analyse primary papers, newspaper articles, and other sources of information, and provide EMBO responses in cases of provocative or controversial work.

- Perform additional tasks requested by the EMBO Director.
This position will require occasional duty travel, work outside of the normal work week, and administrative work.

Requirements

- A doctorate degree is essential, preferably in the natural sciences.
- Minimum of three years professional experience working with scientists in a coordinating, administrative, policy officer or political support role, or similar. For example, working in university or institutional leadership or political offices, serving as manager or administrator, or having been responsible for multi-stakeholder or multi-groups.
- Demonstrated ability to interact with researchers at all levels of experience.
- Excellent organizational skills and a high degree of service-mindedness.
- Ability to work effectively in a complex and quickly evolving environment.
- Ability to propose creative and realistic approaches for problem-solving.
- Excellent communication skills in written and verbal English.
- Proven ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

Application procedure (deadline etc.)

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