



Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Chief innovation Officer, innovationXchange

Senior Executive Service Band 2

Ongoing/Non-Ongoing, Full time position

Barton, ACT

Job Reference: LJ049

The innovationXchange is a research and development hub in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). It was established in 2015 to experiment, partner and learn. The aim of the innovationXchange is to bring new science, technology and innovation into the aid program, to improve sustainability, impact and cost effectiveness.

As the Chief innovation Officer and leader of DFAT's innovationXchange, you will provide strategic leadership to build the Department's reputation as an innovation leader in government and in the development sector. Your first objective will be to embed in DFAT an innovation mindset – through communicating, and bringing familiarity to, the new knowledge, approaches, technologies and scientific findings that have been successfully tested by the innovationXchange, other areas of the Australian Aid program or by our global partners.

As head of a research and development function, you will have deep networks across the science, technology and innovation sectors, to identify new opportunities and respond to emerging development and departmental challenges. You will need to be creative, flexible and responsive and have experience with tools that help to deeply understand a problem, then identify new ways to solve it.

This position may be offered on an ongoing or a non-ongoing basis. If offered on a non-ongoing basis, the position will be offered for a specified term of 18 months, with the possibility of extension (maximum total term available is three years).

Candidates must be Australian citizens.

To be eligible for engagement the successful candidate will undergo a comprehensive security assessment. Employment in the department is dependent on gaining a valid security clearance. Loss of a security clearance at any time will lead to termination of employment. This is a security-designated position and you will be required to have or be able to obtain a security clearance to Negative Vetting Level 2 prior to commencement. A face-to-face interview is a critical part of the security clearance process. This interview will be conducted in Australia, preferably in Canberra. If you reside overseas, please be aware that you will be required to travel to Canberra **at your own expense** to undertake the security interview. Interviews cannot be conducted by video link or Skype.

DFAT employees are expected to adhere to the APS values and employment principles in terms of performance and standards of behaviour.

Please visit the [DFAT website](#) to view further details of the position and to submit an online application by **Monday 21 August 2017 at 2:00pm AEST**.