



OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S CHIEF SCIENCE ADVISOR

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Applications are invited for membership of the Science Policy Exchange

The Science Policy Exchange (SPE) will be a new forum for emerging and early stage scientists and policy professionals who are interested in better understanding the nexus between public policy and science so as to engage on real public policy questions. The SPE is an initiative of the Office of the Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor, which will provide mentorship, facilitation and guest speakers for SPE discussions and projects.

Initial SPE workshops will use a case-based approach to explore real, emerging or hypothetical issues at the interface of science and public policy, both in domestic and international contexts. The objective is not only for SPE members to develop the skills and confidence to undertake boundary roles in their professional capacities, but also for the group itself to become valued partner at the nexus of science and policy. Members of the SPE will have the opportunity to identify topics as well as work on problems identified by the Chief Science Advisor and Departmental Science Advisors. Additionally the members will be exposed to seminars and guest expert discussion on relevant and timely topics.

We are currently seeking to establish two SPE groups (Wellington and Auckland), comprising early-career science and policy professionals. Efforts will be made to achieve optimal diversity and balance within each group which will be limited to a maximum of 30 participants at each site.

A commitment of a 2-3 hour block, approximately 6-8 times a year over a two-year period, is expected of SPE members. Meetings will likely take place late on a weekday afternoon (TBC).

To be considered for SPE memberships, applicants must have a demonstrated interest in the science/policy nexus and, as a guideline:

- be at minimum a doctoral candidate, and at maximum, no more than 8 years post-PhD in the natural, physical, engineering, health or social sciences

OR

- have a background in public policy at any level and be under the age of 35

Applications should be made in the form of a CV and a covering letter outlining interest and experience. Send applications to:

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Subject line: "SPE Application"

The closing date for applications is June 30 2016.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel comprising the PMCSA and Departmental Chief Science Advisors. The first meetings of both the Auckland and Wellington SPE groups will be held in late August 2016, with bi-monthly meetings thereafter.