Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Casual Student Assistant Expressions of Interest

Project Background

The Science Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Team are launching an initiative designed to increase the visibility of diverse scientists and redefine the traditional representation of a scientist by displaying the images and stories of diverse science role models throughout history. As a part of this initiative, the Science EDI Team will commission the creation of up to 10 -12 portraits of diverse scientists to be displayed as part of a public Science History Walk which will be revealed during the Term 3 Open Day and O-Week. These portraits will also be accompanied by a QR code that when scanned will link to the Scientists biography and digital version of the portrait. Portraits will also be displayed at an Inclusive Science Series event in T3 with a panel discussion, exhibition, and reception on campus. More information on this project and student responsibilities will be discussed on the project info session on Tuesday, 15 June from 12.00pm – 1.30pm in room G02 in the Science and Engineering Building.

Casual Student Assistant Responsibilities

The Faculty of Science is seeking to work with current Science students to conduct research into diverse scientists and ultimately select 10 – 12 individuals to be highlighted as a part of the Science History Walk. Students hired for this position will be responsible for delivering a 500-word biography on their Scientist(s) of choice along with supporting material that will form part of the brief for artists, and the basis of information displayed with portraits on the Science History walk. Casual student assistants will be asked to:

- Attend an information session and workshop to support research into diverse scientists
- Conduct research into diverse Scientists and select one to focus on
- Develop 500-word biographies on their selected Scientist(s),
- Collate material relevant to the selected Scientist to assist with the brief for the artist
- Write a brief reflection on why they chose to find out more about the selected Scientist
- Attend regular check-in meetings with the Science EDI Team,
- Liaise with artists creating portraits for the Science History Walk.

Students will be invited to the Inclusive Science Series event where the works will be displayed and may be asked to participate in this event.

Please note that support will be provided to casual student assistants to deliver tasks and troubleshoot challenges.

Experience and Qualifications

- Is a currently enrolled undergraduate, honours, or postgraduate student in good standing in the Faculty of Science,
- Has experience and/or knowledge of the equity, diversity, and inclusion space,
- Has insights into the Science student experience.
Casual Student Assistant Compensation

Student assistants will be expected to spend a total of 10 hours on the research of diverse scientists and the creation of one 500-word biography and will receive an hourly rate of $67.52. If during the project you feel you would need more hours, please reach out to the EDI Project Officer at Science.edi@unsw.edu.au

Key Timelines

- Monday, 31 May: EOI for casual student assistants released
- Tuesday, 15 June: Project Info session in room G02 in the Science and Engineering Building
- Friday, 18 June: Deadline to register interest in the project
- Tuesday, 22 June: Casual student assistants notified of application outcome
- Friday, 25 June: Research Workshop
- Friday, 16 July: Biographies due

Submitting an Expression of Interest

To apply for the role of casual student assistant should include please complete this form.

Interest in this program must be registered by COB 5pm on Friday, 18 June 2021.

Contact: Mikaela Viray at Science.edi@unsw.edu.au with any questions or concerns.