

Director, Atlas of Living Australia

- [Provide vision, direction and leadership for the ALA.](#)
- [Engage with Government, industry and community stakeholders.](#)
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The position

CSIRO is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to take up the prestigious role of Director for the Atlas of Living Australia (ALA). As Director you will be responsible for providing the vision, direction and leadership in delivery of the Atlas of Living Australia to and for Government, industry and community stakeholders. The Director is also responsible for leadership and the professional management of the ALA's talented people, as well as the associated infrastructure and financial resources.

The Atlas of Living Australia provides free, online access to millions of records of Australia's biodiversity. It is collaborative, open infrastructure that pulls together biodiversity data from multiple sources, and makes it accessible and reusable. The ALA provides free, online access to millions of occurrence records to form the most comprehensive and accessible data set on Australia's biodiversity ever produced. The ALA is a team of approximately 25 staff and is primarily funded through the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS), administered by the Department of Education and Training.

CSIRO is the lead agency in the ALA, with overall responsibility for the management and implementation of the ALA in accordance with the legal, reporting and accountability requirements outlined in the Funding Agreement. ALA has a strong governance and management model, including the ALA Advisory Board which provides advice to CSIRO on the strategic oversight of this important national infrastructure.

ALA has a significant track record of achievement, and providing critical infrastructure to a wider Australian research community. ALA has aggregated over 75 million records representing vouchered specimens in Australian Biological collections as well as human observations from a range of institutions and organisations around Australia. The Atlas is a world leading system that allows for the storage, discovery, visualisation and analysis of biodiversity information, and is a component of the national research data infrastructure fabric.

View full details about this role here: [Position description document](#)

Location: Canberra, ACT, Australia
Salary: AUD\$ 160K - \$201K plus up to 15.4% superannuation
Tenure: Indefinite
Job reference: 58261

To be successful you will need:

- Demonstrated experience in Project Management, including experience in achieving deliverables within defined timeframes, including the capacity to gather and coordinate input from a broad range of stakeholders.
- Demonstrated experience in information, biodiversity or related science fields.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, evidenced by high-level reporting, presentation and negotiation abilities, and the capacity to identify and influence critical stakeholders to gain support for contentious proposals/ideas.
- Demonstrated planning, financial and change management skills and experience at the level of a program of comparable size and scale to the ALA.

- Ability to think laterally and strategically and to anticipate and manage problems in ambiguous situations.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate openly and effectively and to build strong relationships with staff, stakeholders and clients at all levels and across boundaries together with superior interpersonal, negotiation and influencing skills.
- The ability to work effectively in a team environment, collaborate widely both internally and externally, and provide guidance to managers and staff.

Before you apply please view the full position details and selection criteria here: Position description document

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We work flexibly at CSIRO, offering a range of options for how, when and where you work. Talk to us about how this role could be flexible for you.

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[The Atlas of Living Australia](#) is Australia's national biodiversity database. It provides free, online access to information about Australia's amazing biodiversity. It supports research, environmental monitoring, conservation planning, education, and biosecurity activities, and is a great way to learn more about the biodiversity in your area.

How to apply: If you wish to apply for this position, please upload 1 document only containing your cover letter, response to the selection criteria, and your CV/resume that best demonstrates your ability to meet the requirements of the role.

Applications close: 11:59pm, Sunday 30 September 2018

