



## **Senior Science Writer: Casual position (until mid-December 2014), immediate start**

### **The job**

Do you love the challenge of shaping a story from complex scientific information and a diversity of people? Do you love digging for that special anecdote that brings a story alive? Do you want your stories to make a difference to people's lives? Then a short-term contract with Econnect Communication may be just the thing you're looking for.

We are seeking a senior science writer to join our team for a three-month period from mid-September to mid-December 2014. You will research, interview and write stories for our clients in the science, development, agricultural and environmental arenas. You will work from our office in West End, Brisbane, with our small team of committed science writers and communicators.

We work on regional, national and international projects. Our diverse projects seek to communicate science that is important to people's lives and the environment. We often work to tight deadlines and limited budgets. Sometimes it's chaotic and demanding, but we like working with each other, enjoy a laugh and are stimulated by creative ideas. At all times we strive to deliver quality services and products to our clients to help them meet their goals.

### **Selection criteria – essential**

1. At least five years' experience writing about science, agriculture or the environment, nationally (and internationally)
2. High level of demonstrated skill and ability in writing for mass media and/or targeted audiences
3. Ability to organise and conduct successful interviews
4. Skill in taking complex ideas from multiple sources to shape an engaging story in a short time frame
5. Demonstrated ability to work to tight deadlines
6. Experience and ability in working as part of a small team and independently
7. High level of interpersonal communication skills for interacting with colleagues and clients
8. Demonstrated attention to detail
9. Availability to start immediately

### **Selection criteria – desirable**

1. Experience working as a consultant
2. Skills in substantive editing



### Conditions of contract

- Maximum of 38 hours per week working from our Brisbane, West End, office (applications from those wishing to work off-site will not be considered)
- Hourly rate of \$34-\$38 per hour plus casual loading (25%), plus super
- Veranda available for lunches, teas and parties

### The application

Please email a two-page (maximum) application addressing the selection criteria to [jane@econnect.com.au](mailto:jane@econnect.com.au) by midnight Australian EST Tuesday, 9 September. Please also provide no more than five of your published pieces of science writing in PDF format, preferably with bylines, and the names and contact details of two recent work referees. You can also attach a CV.

Only emailed applications will be accepted. If you have any queries please only send these via email to [alison@econnect.com.au](mailto:alison@econnect.com.au). No phone calls will be accepted.

If you are short-listed we will let you know by Friday, 12 September. If you have not heard by then, please accept that you have not been short-listed and we are unable to correspond further.

Interviews will be conducted in person or via Skype or on **Tuesday, 16 September**.