# Position Description

## Research Scientist/Engineer – CSOF5

The following information is for applicants

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| Advertised Job Title**:** | Research Scientist in Data Science - 2 Positions |
| Job Reference: | 57774 |
| Relocation Assistance**:** | Will be provided to the successful candidate if required. |
| Applications Are Open To: | Australian Citizens Only |
| Percentage of Client Focus - Internal: | 50% |
| Percentage of Client Focus - External: | 50% |
| Reports to the: | Research Group Leader |
| Number of Direct Reports: | 0 |
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| How to Apply: | Please apply online at [jobs.csiro.au](https://jobs.csiro.au/) and enter the requisition number**.** Internal applicants please apply via ‘Jobs Central’ through the ‘People Hub’ icon |

## Role Overview:

The role of Research Scientist Staff in CSIRO is to conduct innovative research leading to scientific achievements that are aligned with CSIRO's strategies. You may be engaged in scientific activity ranging from fundamental research to the investigation of specific industry or community problems. You will have the opportunity to build and maintain networks, play a role in securing project funds, and pursue new scientific ideas and approaches that create new concepts. You will be involved in research projects and undertake work that has impact on the development of scientific or technical knowledge.

This position is with the Data-Driven Enterprises Group in the Analytics Program of Data61. The Group undertakes research and industry projects to help government and private organisations better process and make inference from large, complex datasets for enhanced decision making. The successful candidate will contribute to the Group’s goals by undertaking research into advanced statistical and machine learning methodologies to enhance the Group’s and Data61’s capabilities in these domains. In addition, they will liaise and work with industry and government to help improve their processing of large, complex datasets, and inference drawn from the data, so as to enhance decision making.

**Security Clearance:**This is a security assessed position. Applicants must be an Australian citizen, with successful candidate either holding or having the ability to obtain a Baseline, Australian Government security clearance.

## Duties and Key Result Areas:

* Incorporate novel approaches to scientific investigations by adapting and/or developing original concepts and ideas for new, existing and further research.
* Undertake research into, and development of, advanced statistical and machine learning methodologies.
* Communicate effectively and respectfully in the interests of good business practice, collaboration and enhancement of CSIRO’s reputation.
* Produce high quality scientific and/or engineering papers suitable for publication in quality journals and for presentation at national and international conferences.
* Work effectively as an integral member or leader of a multi-disciplinary, often regionally dispersed research team, to undertake independent scientific investigations and carry out/delegate associated tasks under broad guidance from more senior Research Scientists/Engineers.
* Work collaboratively and honestly with internal and external colleagues, clients and partners to develop and progress challenging but realistic research plans for a range of research projects.
* Be involved in research projects, both strategic and client focussed.
* Adhere to the spirit and practice of CSIRO’s Values, Health, Safety and Environment plans and policies, Diversity initiatives and Zero Harm goals.
* Other duties as directed.

## Competencies:

1. **Teamwork and Collaboration: Cooperates with others to achieve organisational objectives and may share team resources in order to do this. Collaborates with other teams as well as industry colleagues.**
2. **Influence and Communication: Uses knowledge of other party's priorities and adapts presentations or discussions to appeal to the interests and level of the audience. Anticipates and prepares for others reactions.**
3. **Resource Management/Leadership: Allocates activities, directs tasks and manages resources to meet objectives. Provides coaching and on the job training, recognises and supports staff achievements and fosters open communication in the team.**
4. **Judgement and Problem Solving:** Investigates underlying issues of complex and ill-defined problems and develops appropriate response by adapting/creating and testing alternative solutions.
5. **Independence: Plans, sets and works to meet challenging standards and goals for self and/or others. Recognises where endeavours will make the most impact or difference, decides on desired outcome and sets realistic goals to reach this target.**
6. **Adaptability:** Copes with ambiguity or situations that lack clarity. Adapts readily to changing circumstances and new responsibilities (which may include activities outside own preferences) in the interests of achieving team objectives. Recognises the need for and undertakes personal development as a result of changes.

## Selection Criteria:

*Under CSIRO policy only those who meet all selection criteria can be appointed.*

1. A doctorate or equivalent research experience in a relevant discipline area, such as statistics, mathematics or machine learning.
2. Demonstrable experience in the analysis of large, complex datasets for industry and/or government using statistics and machine learning.
3. Demonstrable experience in solving complex data analytics problems using statistical and machine learning methodology such as Bayesian methods, MCMC, support vector machines, gradient boosting, or deep learning.
4. Experience with computer programming languages such as C++, and Python, and statistical and machine learning tolls such as R, Stan, XGboost, Tensorflow, Theano or Keras.
5. **The ability to work effectively as a member of a multi-disciplinary, regionally dispersed research team, and carry out independent individual research, to achieve organisational goals.**
6. A record of science innovation and creativity plus the ability to apply well developed research skills to scientific investigations.

## Desirable Criteria:

1. Experience with distributed computing using Hadoop or Spark.
2. Experience in data integration of complex datasets.

## Special Requirements:

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