# Postdoctoral Fellowship – CSOF4

Role summary for potential applicants

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| Advertised Job Title**:** | Postdoctoral Researcher in Algorithmic Decision Theory |
| Reference Number**:** | 58821 |
| Classification**:** | CSOF4 |
| Salary Range: | AU $82k to AU $93k plus up to 15.4% superannuation |
| Location**:** | Kensington, NSW |
| Tenure: | Specified Term of 3 years |
| Relocation assistance**:** | Will be provided to the successful candidate if required. |
| Applications are open to: | Australian Citizens Only  Australian & NZ Citizens and Aust. Permanent Residents Only   * All Candidates |
| Functional Area**:** | Research Scientist/Engineer - Postdoc |
| % Client Focus - Internal: | 80% |
| % Client Focus - External: | 20% |
| Reports to the: | Group leader - Algorithmic Decision Theory |
| Number of Direct Reports: | 0 |

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| **Role Overview:** |
| **Postdoctoral Fellowships** at CSIRO provide opportunities to scientists and engineers who have completed their doctorate and have less than three years relevant postdoctoral work experience. These fellowships will help launch their careers, provide experience that will enhance their career prospects, and facilitate the recruitment and development of potential leaders for CSIRO.  Postdoctoral Fellows **are appointed for up to three years** and will work closely with a leading Research Scientist or Engineer in their respective field. They carry out innovative, impactful research of strategic importance to CSIRO with the possibility of novel and important scientific outcomes. They present the findings in appropriate publications and at conferences.  Data61 is offering an exciting opportunity for a Researcher to join its Algorithmic Decision Theory (ADT) group. We are seeking talented researchers with core expertise in algorithmic decision theory, computational social choice, computational complexity and more broadly artificial intelligence.  You will be working in ADT, a group with expertise in core methods that spans a wide area of artificial intelligence and computational economics. You will also collaborate with experts in related fields such as computational complexity.  You will be solving real-world problems and be contributing to foundational work on ADT. You will be pushing the boundaries of the state of the art on challenging ADT projects. |

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| **Duties and Key Result Areas:** |
| * Under the direction of senior research scientists, carry out innovative, impactful research of strategic importance to CSIRO that will, where possible, lead to novel and important scientific outcomes. * Researching, designing and developing new theory, mechanisms, and algorithms in the area of algorithmic decision theory. * Undertake regular reviews of relevant literature and patents. * Produce high quality scientific and/or engineering papers suitable for publication in quality journals, for client reports and granting of patents. * Prepare appropriate conference papers and present those at conferences as agreed with your supervisor. * Make a contribution to the effective functioning of the research team and help deliver CSIRO’s organisational objectives and plans. * Work collaboratively with colleagues within your team, the business unit and across CSIRO. * Communicate effectively and respectfully with all staff, clients and suppliers in the interests of good business practice, collaboration and enhancement of CSIRO’s reputation. * Adhere to the spirit and practice of CSIRO’s Values, Health, Safety and Environment plans and policies, Diversity initiatives and Zero Harm goals. * Undertake an appropriate training and development program developed by CSIRO. * Other duties as directed.   **CSIRO’s postdoctoral training program**is developed between the Postdoctoral Fellow and a CSIRO scientist or engineer. The program will focus on enhancing the Fellows’ capabilities to the level expected of an independent researcher and will include on-the-job and course-based development encompassing:   * Discipline-specific techniques and protocols * Professional growth * Project management * Communication and influencing skills * Working and collaborating with others   <http://www.csiro.au/en/Careers/Student-and-graduate-programs/Postdoctoral-fellowships> |

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| **Selection Criteria:** |
| *Under CSIRO policy only those who meet all essential criteria can be appointed*  ***Pre-Requisites:***   1. **Education/Qualifications:** A doctorate (or will shortly satisfy the requirements of a PhD) in a relevant discipline area, such as computational social choice.   **Please note:** To be eligible for this role you must have **no more than 3 years (or part time equivalent)** of relevant postdoctoral experience.   1. **Communication: High level written and oral communication skills with the ability to represent the research team effectively internally and externally, including at national and international conferences.** 2. **Publications: A record of publications in quality, peer reviewed journals.** 3. **Behaviours:** A history of professional and respectful behaviours and attitudes in a collaborative environment.   ***Essential Criteria:***   1. **Experience in one or more of the following topics: algorithmic decision theory, computational social choice, mechanism design.** 2. **Experience in computational complexity and analysis of algorithms.** 3. **A record of high quality publication in top ranked conferences and journals in related fields.** 4. The ability to work effectively as part of a multi-disciplinary, regionally dispersed research team, plus the motivation and discipline to carry out autonomous research. 5. A record of science innovation and creativity, plus the ability & willingness to incorporate novel ideas and approaches into scientific investigations.   **Desirable Criteria:**   1. **Experience in parameterised complexity.** 2. **Experience in approximation algorithms.** 3. **Experience in experimental analysis of algorithms.**   **As Australia’s Innovation Catalyst, CSIRO has strategic actions underpinned by behaviours aligned to**:   * Excellent science * Inclusion, trust & respect * Health, safety & environment * Delivery on commitments.   **In your application and at interview you will need to demonstrate alignment with these behaviours.**  ***Data61 Values:***  **Great Impact**: We focus our valuable resources on areas where we can lead globally and have large impact for Australia, to aid our future prosperity and independence.  **Mastery**: We are fearless, curious and we improve every day. We strive to excel in research, technology and business, and to work with the best in the world.  **Co-Creation of Value**: Everything we do involves co-creation with our network: team, customers and partners. Generously empowering their success is central to our success.  **Ownership of Results**: We jointly hold ourselves accountable for our actions. We do this via trust and commitment.  **People and their Differences**: We embrace the creativity that comes from the diversity of our people.  **Agility and Flexibility**: We view the changing world as an opportunity. This requires agility and flexibility in everything we do; everything changes, except our constant desire to adapt.  **Tell it Straight, with Respect:**We say what we mean, mean what we say, and do not mislead, obfuscate or spin. We're direct and always respectful.  To be appointed as a Postdoctoral Fellow within CSIRO, candidates are required to have **submitted** their PhD at the time of commencement, as a minimum requirement, if PhD conferment has not been obtained. If a candidate has submitted, but their PhD has not yet been formally attained, the starting salary will be CSOF4-1 $82,450.Upon CSIRO receiving written confirmation that the PhD has been awarded (within a six month period from commencement date), the salary will be increased to the negotiated level and the difference will be back-paid to the Officer’s start date.  ***Special requirements:***  To be eligible for this position you must be willing and able to sign non-negotiable individual confidentiality agreement with external project clients, and may be subject to additional security check. |

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| **Other Information:** |
| **How to Apply**  Please apply for this position online at <https://jobs.csiro.au/> and enter requisition number **58821**. Internal applicants please apply via ‘Jobs Central’ in SAP (click ‘Recruitment’)  Please load your CV (Maximum 2MB). You may also be required to respond to some screening questions.  If you experience difficulties applying online call 1300 984 220 for assistance. Outside Australian business hours please email: [csiro-careers@csiro.au](mailto:csiro-careers@csiro.au).  **Referees**: If you do not already have the names and contact details of two previous supervisors or academic/ professional referees included in your resume/CV please add these before uploading your CV.  **Contact:** If after reading the selection documentation you require further information please contact:  Prof. Toby Walsh via email: tw@cse.unsw.edu.au or phone: +61 424 325 167  Please do not email your application directly to Prof Walsh. Applications received via this method may not be considered by the selection panel.  **About CSIRO**  Australia is founding its future on science and innovation. Its national science agency, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) is a powerhouse of ideas, technologies and skills for building prosperity, growth, health and sustainability. It serves governments, industries, business and communities across the nation.  Find out more! [www.csiro.au](http://www.csiro.au).  **CSIRO Data61** In today’s data-focused world, there’s no doubt that numbers count. [**Data61**](http://www.data61.csiro.au/) are the largest data innovation group in Australia, a connector that brings together technology innovators, businesses and universities to transform Australian industry and to help solve our greatest challenges. A CSIRO business, we are creating our data-driven future.  **Our commitment to you** 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. We emphasise an individual’s growth and development which is supported by interacting and learning from world leading scientists and engineers, who provide the opportunity to challenge, transform and innovate new ideas.  CSIRO’s Data61 is committed to sourcing the brightest and best talent to become part of the Data61 family, which contributes to creating Australia’s data driven future. |