

Centre for Future Work

Position description

Senior Researcher

\$134,000 (plus superannuation)

12 month fixed-term full-time project position

The Centre for Future Work is an independent research and policy centre that conducts and publishes progressive economic and social research to advance understanding of the issues that affect working people. Established in 2016, the Centre has a strong track record of producing high-quality research for policy change to improve working lives. The Centre works closely with trade unions and other groups committed to the Centre's vision for better work.

The Senior Researcher

We are seeking a senior researcher to develop and undertake an ambitious research and policy project promoting climate adaptation and export strategies that create good quality jobs. The Senior Researcher will develop the project plan, identify where a fiscal case can be made for supporting climate orientated industry policy and funding adaptation strategies, and develop case studies to show where industry and adaption policy can provide good jobs. The project complements ongoing union and university research priorities with opportunities to collaborate through dynamic university-industry research teams.

This full-time 12-month role will be based in Melbourne at the Centre for Future Work office or in Sydney, with possibility for remote/hybrid work.

Responsibilities

Reporting to the CEO of the Centre for Future Work, the Senior Researcher will:

- Plan and execute the research project to achieve project aims within the 12 month project timeline.
- Consult and build relationships with stakeholders and relevant policy communities, including in trade unions, academia, NGOs and government, to support the project aims.

- Undertake economic analysis to identify and demonstrate where a fiscal case for industry and adaptation policy can be made.
- Develop case studies to demonstrate potential adaptation or export strategies in different contexts.
- Write research reports for public and policy audiences, making recommendations for government, trade unions and other relevant stakeholders.
- Make public presentations, undertake media work, make representations to government, trade unions and others on project findings and to advance project recommendations.
- Contribute to other projects and activities being undertaken by the Centre for Future Work.

Selection criteria

- Postgraduate qualification or equivalent work experience in economics, social science and/or public policy.
- Demonstrated experience in public policy analysis, including fiscal and/or employment policy.
- Demonstrated experience using quantitative datasets.
- Demonstrated experience in managing projects and producing project outputs within timelines.
- Ability to consult and work collaboratively with colleagues.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Alignment with the purpose of the Centre for Future Work and commitment to the progressive values of trade unions.

To apply for this position:

Submit your application addressing the selection criteria, with a current resumé to admin@futurework.org.au or via the Ethical Jobs site.

If you require further information prior to submitting your application, contact Sarah Hollingsworth on 0400 731 998

Closing date for applications: Friday 3 July 2026