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AFRAN Alumni Community Leader call for Applications

AFRAN & Campus France Australia

The Australian-French Association for Research and Innovation (AFRAN) aims to actively promote the development of cooperation between France and Australia in the areas of research and innovation.

Campus France Australia is a branch of the French public institution in charge of promoting higher education worldwide and managing the mobility of students and researchers.

In 2021, AFRAN and Campus France are joining forces to launch the *AFRAN Alumni Community*.

Overview of the Alumni Community

The *AFRAN Alumni Community* is the bilateral French-Australian network of current or former students who have benefited from an international experience between France and Australia. Its missions are to create opportunities for members involved in the bilateral relationship, and to ensure the continued development of the community by promoting student exchanges and academic experiences in the two countries. It keeps its members connected, informed and involved.

As part of AFRAN, members benefit from the exclusive news, grants and opportunities available to the Franco-Australian research sector and can also join the different AFRAN scientific communities in Energy, Climate, Digital Sciences, Humanities & Social Sciences, Smart cities, Bushfires, Agriculture, Health, Space, Manufacturing, or to set up a new one in their field of expertise.

The community is supported by the AFRAN network and the Campus France Australia agency, and coordinated by the **Alumni Community Leaders**, operating as volunteers, who assist in organising events for members and for current or potential students who wish to undertake studies, research or a professional experience in France and in Australia.

Role of the Alumni Community Leaders

The Alumni Community Leaders are responsible for managing the Alumni Community in the zone they live in, and showcasing their international experience to further promote student mobility between France and Australia.

This volunteer role will provide the Community Leaders with invaluable professional and personal development and experience.

Desired profile

The desired profile of the Alumni Community Leader is as follows:

- The candidate must currently be in Australia;
- The candidate must have undertaken, or currently be undertaking studies, research or a professional experience in France or with a French partner;
- The candidate should preferably be currently enrolled as a student. Candidates can be enrolled in programs from an undergraduate to PhD level of study, or working in the education sector if already graduated.

Two positions are also available in France / in the Pacific, as follows:

- The candidate must currently be in France / in the Pacific zone;
- The candidate must have undertaken, or currently be undertaking studies, research or a professional experience in Australia or with a Australian partner;
- The candidate should preferably be currently enrolled as a student. Candidates can be enrolled in programs from an undergraduate to PhD level of study, or working in the education sector if already graduated.

Duties and expectations

Alumni Community Leaders will be expected to fulfill the following duties and expectations as part of their role.

Communication with the AFRAN alumni members and coordination of Alumni events:

- Prospect local opportunities which are relevant to the Alumni community,
- Initiate discussions around topics that are relevant to the members and suggest topics if needed. The events may be organised around topics of interest according to the involvement and interests the members have in the Franco-Australian relationship.
- Lead the organisation of events (setting dates, booking venues, social media communication and other promotional supports, etc).
- Managing the dedicated budget. AFRAN allocates a small budget covering the fees related to the organisation and promotion of events (Location hire, catering, flyers and other costs). The Community Leader will not be expected to cover out-of-pocket costs.
- Identify local events that present an opportunity for the Community to be involved.
- Identify opportunities for external personalities to be involved in an event in a meaningful way.
- Create content on the AFRAN LinkedIn

In Australia, use the unique perspective as an Alumnus of the French higher education system to encourage current or potential students to undertake studies, research or a professional experience in France:

- Providing students with access to practical information about living and studying in France, with the added benefit of first-hand experience.
- Promote and diffuse relevant information published by Campus France Australia on Facebook and by AFRAN on Twitter by sharing posts within their own personal, professional and alumni networks.
- Grow the Alumni network by encouraging prospective students to join the Network on their return to Australia
- To be contactable through email to answer questions from peers who are interested in studying, researching or undertaking a professional experience in France, in particular at the same French institution.
- Promote the global French alumni network for those who are interested in international opportunities, which is hosted via the online platform France Alumni.

- Represent AFRAN & Campus France Australia at the annual Exchange Fair Circuit events held on the university campuses in their city.
- Contribute to the annual “French Day on Campus” event when this is held at their university or in their city of residence.

In France and in the Pacific, the equivalent tasks have to be realised to promote the bilateral relationship and the two Education systems, in accordance to the local context.

The candidate should be prepared to participate in public speaking and presentations, have strong initiative, be able to take directions, manage a budget, and be able to operate autonomously, while maintaining regular contact with the Alumni Community Leaders of other States and the teams of Campus France Australia and AFRAN. The Community Leader will be invited to participate in a two hour training/ orientation session run by Campus France Australia, hosted at the Embassy of France in Canberra (most likely via Zoom), which will give information on the strategy of Campus France and the specific tools to be promoted (website, grant programs).

Duration

The community leaders will represent *AFRAN* and *Campus France Australia* for a period of 1 year, which is renewable on an annual basis.

Benefits

There are a number of benefits to the Community Leader role:

- Developing professional and leadership skills;
- Sharing your experience and meeting people;
- Networking opportunities with a broad range of domestic and international contacts;
- Develop public speaking and presentation capabilities;
- Community engagement experience;
- Volunteer experience within a national organisation and international agency;
- Opportunities to develop strategies within an organisation;
- Experience in managing a budget with autonomy within a team;
- Mentorship

This experience would be a valuable addition to a resume, as it would demonstrate a communication-based skillset as well as a willingness to give back to the community through providing relevant information and education.

In addition, the Community Leader will benefit from membership with the French Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, giving exclusive access to their events.

The Community Leaders will be invited (including return travel to Canberra and catering, pending travel restrictions) to attend the launching ceremony of the AFRAN Alumni Network at the Embassy of France in August.

Apply or find out more:

To apply, please outline in an email why you think you are a good fit for the role, mentioning your current enrolment status and student mobility experience(s) in France. Please note that you are not required to provide a cover letter or CV, as this is not a job application.

Please send your application or address any further questions to education.canberra-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr.

The selection process will be closed as soon as all positions have been filled.