

## **CHALLENGE GOVERNANCE GROUP MEMBER AND CO-CHAIR (2 VACANCIES)**

### **NATIONAL SCIENCE CHALLENGE - BUILDING BETTER HOMES, TOWNS AND CITIES: KO NGĀ WĀ KĀINGA HEI WHAKAMĀHORAHORA**

The National Science Challenges are designed to find solutions to some of the large, complex issues that matter most to New Zealanders. The Building better homes, towns and cities: ko ngā wā kāinga hei whakamāhorahora Challenge aims to address some of the significant issues facing our country. Its activities focus on areas such as housing supply, the quality of our housing, and the vulnerabilities and underperformance of some of our urban environments.

The role of the Challenge Governance Group is to provide oversight and direction to this important National Science Challenge. Background information about the Challenge and its work can be found at <https://www.buildingbetter.nz/>

#### **Responsibilities**

The Governance Group's responsibilities include:

- Provide strategic direction to, and ultimately approve, the Research Plan, budgets and project funding investment recommended by the Director and Science Leadership Team.
- Monitor and review progress against the Research Plan, including delivery of the Challenge's Mission.
- Ensure that the activities of the Challenge stay true to the Mission and values.
- Ensure that the science activities the Challenge undertakes include appropriate engagement, education and communication programmes with relevant stakeholders, to increase public understanding of how science contributes to New Zealand's well-being.
- Ensure that the Challenge gives effect to Vision Mātauranga objectives, including governance of the Challenge.
- Help embed a living Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership by:
  - o Building and holding relationships which uphold rangatiratanga
  - o Having decision-making values that reflect Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti worldviews
  - o By supporting structures and processes that reflect a Te Tiriti commitment
- Approval of the allocation of Challenge Funding and other funding based on merit and alignment with the Challenge's Investment Contract and Mission.
- Please note, the contractual obligations for delivery of the Challenge Contract with MBIE ultimately lie with the Challenge Contractor, BRANZ Ltd. For clarity, the members of the Challenge Governance Group are not Directors (the definition under the Companies Act 1993).

## ***IDEAL APPLICANT DESCRIPTION***

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Applicants with experience in the following areas would be particularly welcome:

- Affordable or social housing
- Local or regional government
- Science sector experience and leadership
- Kaupapa Maori

The National Science Challenge welcomes applicants from diverse backgrounds.

The Challenge is looking for two new governance group members at this time to join a strong, established team. A potential co-chair candidate would be welcome from amongst successful applicants.

## ***DIVERSITY***

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We particularly encourage applications from Women, Tangata whenua, A broad range of ethnicities, Younger members of the community, Individuals with a disability, The LGBTIQ community, Provincially based individuals.

## ***INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR YOU TO APPLY***

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Please provide a CV and short covering letter explaining your interest in the appointment and the work of the Challenge.

## ***FOR FURTHER INFORMATION***

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## ***CLOSING DATE***

***The closing date for applications is 19/6/2020***