



# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

## IORA EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS NETWORK STEERING COMMITTEE

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) is seeking nominations for an early career professional in academia to represent Australia at the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Academic Group (IORAG) Early Career Professionals (ECP) Network Steering Committee.

**Please note this is the first of two steps to be selected for the IORAG ECP Network Steering Committee.** \* DFAT and the IORA ECP Network Selection Committee will undergo separate application processes. Please refer to 'What is the application process' below for more details.

### What is the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)?

The IORA is an inter-governmental organisation of Indian Ocean rim states and is known as the peak regional group for the Indian Ocean, with 23 member states and 12 dialogue partners. As a founding member state, Australia is a strong and active supporter of IORA as the premier ministerial-level forum for the Indian Ocean region.

IORA has six priority areas and 2 cross-cutting themes. One of the six priority areas is Academic, Science and Technology, which established the Indian Ocean Rim Association Academic Group (IORAG) to foster academic cooperation, through a range of activities, across the Indian Ocean.

### What is the ECP Network?

The IORAG is establishing the IORAG ECP Network to promote the cooperation of Early Career Professionals within IORA through enhanced dialogue, research, and networking across all the IORA priority and cross cutting areas. This platform will facilitate regional and national networking and information sharing through peer-to-peer engagement and expand the capacity building outreach of IORA activities.

### Steering Committee Member Roles and Responsibilities

As an IORAG ECP Network Steering Committee member you will be required to attend quarterly virtual meetings to assist in the development of the ECP Network and annual activity plan for a **two-year period**. Where possible, you will promote IORA's activities to Australian universities and research institutions. **Please note this is a voluntary position**. If you are required to travel for this role, DFAT will consider funding travel on a case-by-case basis. Please refer to the attached Terms of Reference for further information.

### Eligibility:

- Must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Must be under 37 years of age
- Employed at an Australian university/research institute and working in academia/research
- 3-5 years since completion of last qualification
- An interest in the Indian Ocean region

### Selection Criteria:

- Nominee meets the eligibility criteria
- Relevant work experience and interest in working in the Indian Ocean region

### What is the application process?

1. Nominations close 1700 Wednesday 23 October 2024
2. DFAT will review applications and select one successful nominee by Monday 28 October
3. DFAT will nominate Australia's representative to the IORAG ECPN Selection Committee
4. \*IORAG ECPN Selection Committee will review nominations from IORA Member States
5. Successful Steering Committee Members will be notified by the IORAG ECPN Selection Committee

Please submit applications to [IORA@dfat.gov.au](mailto:IORA@dfat.gov.au). Applications close 1700 Wed 23 October 2024.