

# Roving Scientist Program

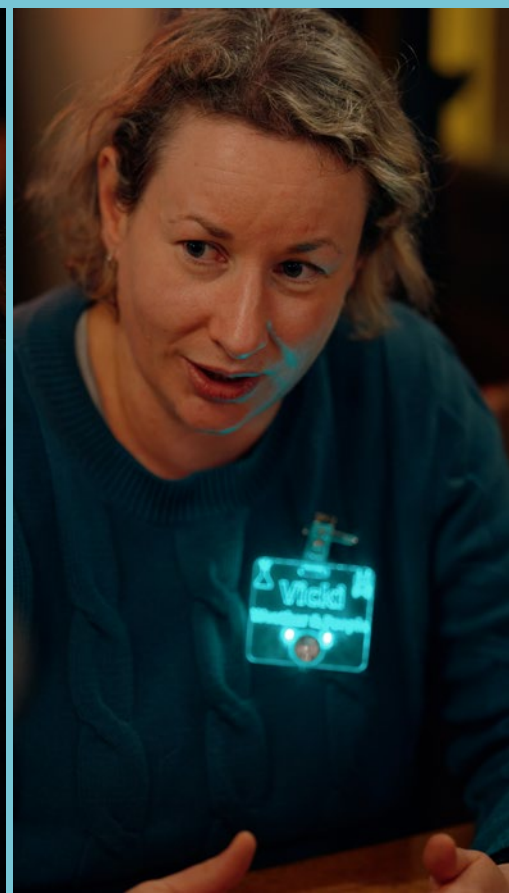
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STREET

Professional development + public engagement, delivered at Australia's leading science-culture festival

- 📍 Nipaluna/Hobart, each August during National Science Week
- 💰 Program fee: \$0
- ✈️ Participants or employers cover travel and accommodation



**The Roving Scientist Program is a free professional development experience for STEM researchers and professionals who want to sharpen their science communication skills, expand their networks, and engage the public in meaningful, adult-focused conversations about scientific work.**

**Set in Nipaluna/Hobart during Beaker Street Festival, the program includes:**

- A full-day science communication symposium, offering a range of professional development workshops with some of Australia's top science journalists and communicators.
- A VIP networking event, bringing together STEM professionals, science journalists, politicians, industry leaders, and media personalities.
- Multiple public outreach opportunities throughout the Festival, including at our iconic Roving Scientist Bar — where researchers share their work directly with curious, engaged adult audiences. There are also additional opportunities to engage with family audiences.

"The entire atmosphere of the event was electric, definitely a fantastic event and very welcoming to all."

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The program is open to all STEM professionals interested in public engagement, outreach, and impact, with a focus on PhD candidates, postdoctoral researchers, and early to mid-career researchers.

"Guests at the Roving Scientist Bar were engaged, asked great questions, and were very respectful. I was super proud to answer their questions!"

## PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Increased confidence and skills in science communication
- Practical experience engaging adult public audiences
- Expanded professional and cross-sector networks
- Visibility in a respected national platform
- National media opportunities and a digital profile
- Access to special offers and discounts

## ABOUT BEAKER STREET

Now in its 10th year, Beaker Street is a not-for-profit, DGR-registered cultural organisation in Lutruwita/Tasmania that brings science out of the lab and onto centre stage. Beaker Street connects curious adult audiences with science in meaningful, accessible ways, including via its signature annual event, Beaker Street Festival, which attracts more than 17,000 attendees each year during National Science Week.

## ABOUT THE ROVING SCIENTIST PROGRAM

More than 1,000 Australian and international scientists have taken part in Beaker Street Festival as a Roving Scientist over the past decade. Participating institutions include universities around Australia, CSIRO, Australian Antarctic Division, Bureau of Meteorology, Australian Academy of Science, and multiple science employers. Past Symposium speakers have included Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, Robyn Williams, Dr Kirsten Banks, Dr Lila Landowski, science communicator Zoe Kean, social media star Esmé James, and ABC journalist Helen Shield.

"The sessions ran smoothly and on time, the PD was helpful, the networking even better! Hobart was a great spot for this too. I had the privilege of being interviewed by Robyn Williams for The Science Show. I would 100% recommend Beaker Street to other researchers."

## COST AND SUPPORT

Participating in the Roving Scientist Program is free.

Supporting staff and post-graduate students to participate by covering their travel and on-the-ground costs is a low-cost, high-impact investment in professional development and public engagement, as well as a way to showcase your institution's research to a large and diverse national audience.

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