

Job Posting

Rotator — Fixed-term Assistant/Associate Program Director

Research Corporation for Science Advancement (RCSA) Term: 12–24 months, full- or part-time (negotiable), remote with regular travel to Tucson.

Reports to: RCSA Team Science Accelerator Director

About the role

With the launch of a new pilot program – RCSA’s Team Science Accelerator, the foundation is seeking to increase our staff capacity. RCSA seeks a Rotator — a working scientist on temporary leave from their home institution — to enhance foundation staffing during this transition period.

This is a hands-on program role. The rotator will be a core member of the RCSA team integrated into the program management responsibilities of the foundation, including evaluation of funding applications, design of our in-person convenings, community engagement and development work with potential, current, and former grantees, and monitoring activities associated with ongoing projects.

Responsibilities

- Report to the Team Science Accelerator Program Director and work closely with other RCSA program directors and staff to ensure smooth functioning of the pilot program
- Serve as a secondary point of contact for prospective applicants, fielding questions about scope, team composition, and budget
- Help plan and manage the in-person conferences
- Coordinate review of the Letters of Intent and evaluation of full-proposals
- Engage external readers and reviewers as needed, and help synthesize their input
- Contribute to early cohort check-ins and the program’s learning agenda once awards are made

- Coordinate post-award engagements
- Assisting with other programs as assigned

Desired skills

- PhD in a physical science or closely adjacent field; active research career strongly preferred
- Demonstrated experience with team or collaborative science — as a participant, organizer, or both
- Comfortable operating across scientific disciplines and translating between research and program contexts
- Excellent written and verbal communication; able to give honest feedback to senior scientists
- Organized, self-directed, with good time management skills; capable of managing deadlines while overseeing parallel workstreams
- Available to start in summer or fall 2027

Logistics

- Home institution arrangements (similar to an Intergovernmental Personnel Act-style assignment, sabbatical appointment, or temporary leave of absence) are encouraged; RCSA will work with the candidate's institution on terms
- Salary support commensurate with experience and home-institution rate
- Travel budget for in-person convenings and partner meetings

To apply

Send a CV and a 1–2 page statement of interest to jbrown@rescorp.org by Oct. 15, 2026. The statement should describe relevant team-science experience and what you would hope to learn or contribute during the rotation. Review of applications will begin shortly after the Oct. 15, 2026 search launch and continue until the role is filled.