

## Executive Director

# Marine Environmental Observation Prediction and Response Network (MEOPAR)

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The Marine Environmental Observation Prediction and Response Network (MEOPAR) is a national team of outstanding Canadian scientists meeting the challenges of our changing oceans by working to understand and predict the impact of marine hazards on human activities and ecosystems and to improve response time when hazards occur. A national network, MEOPAR collaborates on interdisciplinary research, develops highly qualified personnel with expertise in marine risk, and connects academic research and technology to partners and end-users in government, industry and the public sphere. MEOPAR was created through the federal Networks of Centres of Excellence Program in 2012, and is hosted at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

MEOPAR is currently seeking an Executive Director for an initial limited-term appointment through 2017 with the possibility of renewal for an extended 5-year term.

As the **Executive Director**, you will be responsible for providing leadership and direction for all operations of MEOPAR, ensuring project controls, accurate reporting and accountability on a day-to-day basis. While overseeing the business/administrative functions of this complex multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional organization and leading the communications, finance and administrative team, the Executive Director will work closely with the Scientific Director and also report and liaise regularly with the Board, the Research Management Committee and the Network of Centres of Excellence Secretariat. Additionally, as MEOPAR concludes its first cycle of funding and priorities in 2017, you will play a key role in the development of a new strategic plan and help to map the direction of the network through 2022.

As the ideal candidate, you likely have a Masters or Ph.D. in a scientific discipline and a good understanding of science and technology research. You have exemplary managerial and organizational skills, and a demonstrated ability to work cooperatively and collegially with a diverse range of academic, private sector, government, and scientific stakeholders. You are a passionate and inspirational leader who has experience fostering positive work environments and driving new projects forward, while maintaining a high level of accountability and success. You know how to motivate a team and how to implement and manage key performance indicators and effective reporting systems. You have a high level of emotional intelligence, a good sense of humour, and you appreciate the value of a healthy work-life balance.

This is a unique opportunity to join an organization that is bringing together natural scientists, social scientists, policy makers, industry representatives, non-profits and coastal communities to connect important research with industrial know-how and strategic investment. Experience working in various parts of Canada is an asset, as is knowledge of the French language.

If you're interested in this exciting opportunity, contact Jeff Forbes, Laura Godsoe, or Matt LeMoine at 902.422.4886, or submit your application online at: <http://jobs.kbrs.ca/Careers/11163>