



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title:	Social & Behavioural Scientist
Position Reference Number:	ECRJOAD002
Division	Joint Operations and Analysis Division
Position Classification:	S&T 3-4 A
Position Location:	Edinburgh
Security Level:	NV1
Minimum Academic Qualification:	Masters
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Academic Disciplines

Aerospace/ Aeronautical Engineering, Naval Architecture	Chemical, Radiological, Biological, Food sciences	Materials Science
Computer Sciences, IT, Software Engineering, Telecommunications	Mathematics and physics	Psychology and Social Sciences
Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering (including robotics)	Electronic/ Electrical Engineering	Other
Political Sciences & International Relations		

Position Overview

An exciting opportunity exists to conduct social & behavioural science research to identify and critically analyse current conflicts and emerging contingencies in the Indo-Pacific.

The Social & Behavioural Science (SBS) Group provides expertise to the analysis of: current conflict and security issues; the planning, conduct and evaluation of Defence operations; and the effectiveness of Defence’s strategic engagement and influence capabilities. The Group develops and applies advanced social and behavioural science techniques at the macro, meso and micro levels to understand the structures, processes and relations that underpin behaviour within conflict situations. These include (but are not limited to) concepts, theories and both qualitative and quantitative research methods from international studies, political science, sociology, psychology and the management sciences.

Under limited direction, the position will develop and apply social, behavioural and/or political science research to the strategic analysis and assessment of current operations and emerging contingencies.

Position Duties

Under limited guidance the Social Scientist will:

1. Make a significant contribution to the study of current and emerging conflict and security issues.
2. Provide timely and insightful analysis and advice to Defence on issues associated with current operational commitments and emerging contingencies.
3. Develop and maintain trusted, collaborative internal and external relationships that are of benefit to the aims of the Social & Behavioural Science Group.
4. Contribute to a strong culture of scientific excellence within the Group and the Division more broadly.

Other Requirements

- The position will entail interaction with Defence clients in Australia.
- Appointees will be required to undertake occasional interstate travel.
- Appointees will initially be engaged on a BASELINE security clearance with the view to upgrade to a Secret Negative Vetting (NV1) Security Clearance if required.