



## POSITION DESCRIPTION

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| <b>Position Title:</b>                    | Beamline Scientist                            |
| <b>Cluster / Business Unit / Division</b> | Research Translation & Australian Synchrotron |
| <b>Section or Unit:</b>                   | Australian Synchrotron – Science Team         |
| <b>Classification:</b>                    | Band 6  |
| <b>Position Description Number:</b>       | PD-1916                                       |
| <b>Work Contract Type:</b>                | Professional                                  |
| <b>STEMM/NON-STEMM:</b>                   | STEMM   |

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### POSITION PURPOSE

The Beamline Scientist is a role within a beamline group of the Australian Synchrotron Science division. The role applies scientific expertise and experience to the operation, maintenance and development of synchrotron beamlines within their beamline group, as well as research, industry engagement and outreach activities. The role fosters excellent engagement with other members of the Beamline Group, the Science Team and other operational teams across the facility. The role will be required to develop knowledge of the capabilities, techniques and instrumentation within the beamline group to enable the best possible scientific outcomes. The role provides input into scientific development at the Australian Synchrotron through strategic planning and contributions to the planning for new beamlines.

### ORGANISATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

ANSTO leverages great science to deliver big outcomes. We partner with scientists and engineers and apply new technologies to provide real-world benefits. Our work improves human health, saves lives, builds our industries and protects the environment. ANSTO is the home of Australia's most significant landmark and national infrastructure for research. Thousands of scientists from industry and academia benefit from gaining access to state-of-the-art instruments every year.

The Australian Synchrotron provides world-leading technical capability, and the nucleus around which new science and industry networks form as researchers interact. The synchrotron delivers better and faster experimental techniques that not only enhance current fundamental and applied research, but also open up new avenues of investigation to Australian science. The facility promotes international collaboration to enable leading-edge research and development, and is a hub for research that greatly benefits Australia and its regional neighbours.

The Science Team provides world-class user service and synchrotron expertise to Users of the Australian Synchrotron, including academic-based researchers, commercial and industry clients. This includes ensuring delivery of support to users through a range of services and support for access to the operational beamlines within the facility. Members of the Science Team collaborate with other ANSTO teams to maintain world-class beamlines and to develop new capabilities and systems (including new beamlines for the facility). They achieve high impact research outcomes in line with ANSTO's research mission and through collaborations with the Australian Synchrotron User Community. Science Team members also deliver highly effective outreach and training outcomes to promote the capabilities and achievements of the facility.

### ACCOUNTABILITIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Key Accountabilities

- Provide scientific and technical support, advice and training to national and international synchrotron beamline users, including the making of scientific and technical decisions, ensuring outcomes from allocated beam-time are maximised and the user experience is optimal;
- Reduce and correct user data and provide advice or further data processing and interpretation;

- Liaise with the Australian scientific community to develop the user base for synchrotron research to ensure maximum usage of equipment, develop the community of collaborators and users, and maximise revenue;
- Develop knowledge of industry best practice and technological developments to contribute to improvement of the synchrotron beamline and associated facilities;
- Contribute to facilitate the beamline's Asset Management Plan, which includes maintenance, calibration, documentation, and collaborations with the AS Engineering, and Controls & Computing teams;
- Apply experience to beamline development activities and projects across the Beamline Group to improve and expand capabilities for research and industrial applications;
- Contribute expertise and knowledge to the development of plans and processes for the installation of new beamlines, facilities and capabilities;
- Undertake Industry Engagement activities within the Beamline Group to enable the delivery of optimal outcomes to Industry and Commercial clients to meet revenue targets whilst enhancing the Australian Synchrotron's reputation;
- Promote techniques, capabilities and applications to industry and commercial clients to identify industry leads and convert them to opportunities and contracts;
- Promote and develop outreach activities within the Beamline Group, and on behalf of the Australian Synchrotron and ANSTO. Participate in professional forums and other professional associations. Highlight the impact and benefits of the facility to the scientific community, external stakeholders, and general audiences at the local and international level;
- Use research networks to coordinate and collaborate with local and national scientists to produce research outcomes captured in international journals, and to increase usage of Australian Synchrotron facilities;
- Undertake research which increases own capacity for beamline usage and understanding, and improves scientific visibility of the profile and facilities of the Australian Synchrotron. Deliver research and development which is aligned with customer and stakeholder needs;
- Ensure appropriate policy, procedures, and guidelines are adhered to associated with the beamline and facility in particular in relation to WHS, radiation safety and plant/equipment;
- Work collaboratively to share scientific expertise to contribute to the research culture within the Australian Synchrotron, NSTLI and ANSTO;
- Undertake specific beamline responsibilities as assigned by the Beamline Group Manager;
- Undertake additional duties as required and during periods of leave of other staff.

### **Decision Making**

- The ANSTO values, organisational corporate plan, business plan, operational excellence program, the RT&AS strategy and Australian Synchrotron objectives provide the context for the position.
- The position works within a framework of legislation, policies, professional standards and resource parameters. Within this framework the position has some independence in determining how to achieve plans and objectives of the and must ensure compliance to relevant regulations at all times.
- The position is fully accountable for the accuracy, integrity, and quality of the content of advice, analysis and interpretation provided.
- Determine key work priorities within the context of agreed work plans and consult with line manager on complex, sensitive and major issues that have a significant impact.
- The levels of authority delegated to this position are those approved and issued by the Chief Executive Officer. All delegations will be in line with the ANSTO Delegation Manual AS-1682 (as amended or replaced).

## Key Challenges

- Develop and maintain a national reputation for high-quality application of synchrotron techniques to world-class research;
- Carry out work in a heavily regulated environment, adherence to all regulations, working in accordance with operational requirements and tight deadlines;
- Maintain knowledge and expertise with new systems that are custom built;
- Achieve significant research outcomes while not jeopardising the key priority of delivering quality experience for beamline users.

## KEY RELATIONSHIPS

| Who  | Purpose   |
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| <b>Internal</b>  |   |
| Line Manager   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive guidance and direction</li> <li>• Provide expert advice and recommendations</li> <li>• Report on compliance of facility</li> <li>• Collaborate on plans and activities for the instrument/s and related matters</li> <li>• Recommend and gain approval for beamline modifications, enhancements and improvements, and process/procedure changes or improvements</li> <li>• Escalate issues and propose solutions</li> </ul>  |
| Work area team members   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide advice, analysis, and recommendations</li> <li>• Contribute to group-decision-making processes, planning, and goals</li> <li>• Collaborate and share accountability, information, ideas, and workloads</li> <li>• Negotiate and resolve conflicts</li> <li>• Combined analysis and problem resolution</li> </ul>   |
| AS Engineering, Controls & Computing and sample environment staff and other support roles  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to facilitate the beamline's Asset Management Plan and day to day operations, which includes maintenance, calibration and documentation.</li> <li>• Collaborate and plan to manage technical maintenance and development activities</li> <li>• Collaborate on facility and experiment requirements</li> <li>• Liaise to determine faults, troubleshooting and repairs</li> </ul>  |
| RT&AS Researchers and Scientists, and other ANSTO staff utilising facilities               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate, plan, and manage experiments, advise on data processing, analysis, and interpretation where required</li> <li>• Understand user requirements and desired outcomes</li> <li>• Provide expert advice, analysis, and results interpretation</li> <li>• Ensure safety and regulatory compliance</li> <li>• Provide training and supervision while working in and operating synchrotron beamlines /facility</li> <li>• Collaborate and share information</li> <li>• Build and maintain relationships</li> </ul> |
| <b>External</b>  |   |
| Beamline Users from local and international universities, research institutes and industry | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate, plan and manage experiments, advise on data processing, analysis and interpretation where required</li> <li>• Understand user requirements and desired outcomes</li> </ul>   |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide expert advice, analysis, and results interpretation</li> <li>• Provide training &amp; supervision while working and operating synchrotron beamlines/facility</li> <li>• Ensure safety and regulatory compliance</li> <li>• Collaborate and share information</li> <li>• Build and maintain relationships</li> </ul> |
| International synchrotrons and research organisations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and maintain international linkages around synchrotron scientific operations and research</li> </ul>  |
| Suppliers and contractors                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure effective beamline development; project management and procurement requirements</li> <li>• Contractor supervision</li> </ul>  |

## POSITION DIMENSIONS

| Staff Data       |  |
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| Reporting Line   | Reports to the Manager, XYZ Beamline Group (where position has been implemented), otherwise, Reports to the Principal Beamline Scientist (pre-restructure) |
| Direct Reports   | None   |
| Indirect Reports | None   |

| Financial Data (2015/2016) |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Revenue / Grants           | NA |
| Operating Budget           | NA |
| Staffing Budget            | NA |
| Capital Budget             | NA |
| Assets                     | NA |

| Special / Physical Requirements |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Location:                       | Clayton<br>Working in different areas of designated site/campus as needed   |
| Travel:                         | May be required travel to ANSTO sites from time to time<br>Frequent travel to ANSTO sites within Australia<br>Frequent travel both internationally and nationally   |
| Physical:                       | Office based physical requirements (sitting, standing, minimal manual handling, movement around office and site, extended hours working at computer)<br>Public speaking<br>Wearing personal protective equipment for the handling of hazardous and/or radioactive materials   |
| Radiation areas:                | May be required to work in radiation areas under tightly regulated conditions<br>Perform duties in an area where radioactive materials are handled under tightly controlled safety conditions<br>Perform duties with and in an area where hazardous chemicals or materials are handled under tightly controlled safety conditions |
| Hours:                          | Willingness to work extended and varied hours based on operational requirements<br>After hours work may be required for short and infrequent periods  |
| Clearance requirements:         | Satisfy ANSTO Security and Medical clearance requirements<br>Obtain and maintain appropriate federal government clearance   |

| <b>Workplace Health &amp; Safety</b>   |  |
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| Specific role/s as specified in AP-<br><u>2362</u> of the ANSTO WHS<br>Management System | All Workers<br>Other specialised roles identified within the guideline a position holder may be allocated to in the course of their duties |

### ORGANISATIONAL CHART

As per published org chart

### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

1. PhD in Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Materials Science, Engineering, or a related discipline;
2. Post-doctoral (or similar) experience in execution and research applications of X-ray or neutron scattering or relevant area of research;
3. Experience as a beamline/instrument scientist undertaking experiments, supporting users, and providing data analysis in X-ray and/or neutron scattering;
4. Demonstrated sound contribution to research within the discipline which has made a recognisable advancement of knowledge or its application at a national level and solid track record of publication;
5. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills to work collaboratively and willingly share knowledge and information with users and other stakeholders;
6. Ability to work independently and able to plan and manage time to meet deadlines and objectives;
7. Strong customer focus and the ability to function well in a scientific user facility, work in a multi-cultural environment and develop and maintain productive working relationships;
8. Demonstrated ability to follow policy, procedures and guidelines;
9. Personal qualities that will add value to a team operating in a high-level client/user, safety and quality environment.

### VERIFICATION

This section verifies that the line manager and appropriate senior manager/executive confirm that this is a true and accurate reflection of the position.

| <b>Line Manager</b> |   | <b>Delegated Authority</b> |  |
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| Name:               | Michael James                                       | Name:                      | Andrew Peele   |
| Title:              | Senior Principal Scientist - Australian Synchrotron | Title:                     | Group Executive, Research Translation & Director, Australian Synchrotron |
| Signature:          |   | Signature:                 |  |
| Date:               |   | Date:                      |  |