

CEO

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The Australian National Fabrication Facility Pty Ltd (ANFF) was established in 2007 under the Commonwealth's National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy to provide cutting edge infrastructure for R&D and prototype development at the micro and nanoscale.

Over its eight nodes, it supports the world-leading investigations of 3,000 researchers drawn from universities, CSIRO, ANSTO and industry, and has fostered significant start-up activity.

The Board seeks an exceptional CEO to take this exciting Australian research facility through its next stage of development.

You will have an excellent appreciation of the opportunities offered by nano-/micro-technology and novel materials, preferably with some experience in nanoscience and device fabrication. Additionally, your skills will command the respect of Government, universities, senior scientists and engineers in fostering the collaborative culture that characterises ANFF and its industry links.

Please view the Position Description on www.brookerconsulting.com.au and send a brief CV (Word format, up to 5 pages) to career@brookerconsulting.com.au or ring Jeremy Wurm on 03 9602 1666, in confidence.



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Australian National Fabrication Facility

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Position Description

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Australian National Fabrication Facility Pty Ltd (ANFF) reports to the Board and is responsible for strategic development and the day-to-day operations of the capability which comprises eight Nodes, each with specialist competencies, serving the micro and nano fabrication requirements of 3,000 researchers drawn from universities, public sector research organisations and industry. The Nodes carry over 500 equipment items valued at over \$200 million, housed in clean rooms, presided over by over 100 specialist technologists supported by ANFF.

ANFF was established in 2007 under the Commonwealth's National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy. The company has 19 Members, including most research intensive Australian universities and CSIRO, and provides research infrastructure support for nanotechnology-related research in Australia, which comprises over 10% of research activities supported by the Australian Research Council.

The CEO manages the budget of ANFF (\$13 million per year) and current capital equipment upgrades (\$36 million) in conjunction with Node Directors. The appointee is expected to ensure that ANFF meets contractual obligations with the Commonwealth Department of Education, State Governments and host Universities and to manage the relationship with Node Directors to maximize ANFF's impact.

Direct reports to the CEO include: Chief Operating Officer: Dr Jane Fitzpatrick; Office Manager: Mr Matthew Wright; Marketing and Communications Officer: Mr Tom Eddershaw; and a yet-to-be appointed Business Development Officer. Fostering ANFF's use by industry and its links with similar facilities overseas is encouraged.

With the passage of time, the activities that ANFF supports have increased in their technology readiness level and a key responsibility of the new CEO is to take ANFF to its next level of development that will enable the capture of the benefits of the world-class research that it supports.

The position is available for three years in the first instance with the prospect of renewal to 2023 and beyond.

The position involves significant interstate and possible overseas travel.

An attractive salary package that includes a component for performance will be negotiated.

For more details about ANFF see website <http://www.anff.org.au> . A List of Duties for the Position follows.

List of Duties

- Act as the chief executive of ANFF
- Develop and maintain appropriate, contractually enforceable relationships between the Commonwealth and ANFF, and ANFF and nodes, which will see research infrastructure as outlined in ANFF's NCRIS Investment Plan built or be made available to Australian researchers at marginal cost under an agreed access and charging regime.
- Ensure the smooth and effective functioning of ANFF as a networked national fabrication capability providing a service to researchers throughout Australia and overseas (as appropriate). This will require regular and constructive interaction with the Directors of the 8 nodes funded by ANFF to ensure the seamless and complementary operation of nodes.
- Develop and maintain, in collaboration with the ARC Research Networks for Materials and Nanotechnology, a web-based information system that will be used to promote the national fabrication capability and assist researchers in making effective use of it.
- Ensure effective linkage of the ANFF facility into the international network of micro and nanofabrication capabilities.
- Pursue opportunities to grow the facility's capability and its utilisation by greater involvement of Australian industry.
- Encourage the capture, where appropriate, of public sector research by the private sector to maximise the returns of publicly funded research to the Australian community.
- Monitor the performance of nodes funded by ANFF.
- Prepare annual business plans for the capability which will be considered by the Board and subsequently submitted to the Commonwealth to trigger the next tranche of funding.
- Provide ongoing strategic and business advice so that individual nodes and the capability as a whole can adapt to changing circumstances.
- Manage the headquarters node to ensure its viability and compliance with all regulations.
- Supervise other staff of ANFF.

