**reSolve: Maths by Inquiry Outreach Officers**

**What the Outreach Officers will be doing**

Outreach Officers will play an important role in the work to get teachers and others actively involved in the *reSolve: Maths by Inquiry* project during its development phase (to mid-2018). They will work as agents of their Affiliated Association:

- Liaising with AAMT MBI Engagement Manager Matt Skoss and others to promote the project, identify schools and teachers to trial MBI classroom and professional materials, and elicit feedback to strengthen the resources for use in different contexts.
- Visit trial schools/classrooms to observe lessons, record lesson observations/discuss lesson with teacher, and forward feedback to the writing team/Engagement Manager.
- Liaise with schools and teachers at a distance to support them in trialing.
- Assist in identifying and nominating schools, and development of school case studies documenting the effect of MBI on school practices in the teaching and learning of Mathematics; contributing to professional learning courses when suited.
- Contribute to the identification, training and ongoing networking of the project’s Champions.

**Who would be suitable to be an Outreach Officer**

Outreach Officers will be experienced and capable mathematics educators. Because of the uneven nature of their work they will need to have flexibility with their time. Typically they will be people who:

- Appreciate issues and opportunities in the teaching and learning of mathematics in schools.
- Have sound knowledge of principles and practices of effective teacher professional learning and experience in leading professional learning at a school or wider level (e.g. between schools or in the Affiliate).
- Experience in engaging and supporting the professional learning of teachers in face-to-face settings, as well as at distance including lesson observations, offering supportive and reflective feedback to teachers, and documenting feedback.
- Have a capacity to work collaboratively and flexibly with key staff in schools, and work effectively with a wide range of people and networks in a range of contexts.

**Process for identifying and orienting the Outreach Officers**

Identification of the Outreach Officer for each state and territory will be done by bilateral negotiation with each Affiliate. Interested individuals should in the first instance send an expression of interest before May 31 to the reSolve: Maths by Inquiry Project Engagement Manager, Matt Skoss: mskoss@aamt.edu.au; 0418 624 631. All applications will be considered in consultation with the MAV and a suitable candidate appointed.

It is likely that the parties involved will agree to make an initial appointment for, say six or twelve months. This will allow for review and refocussing of the work as appropriate.

General details about the project are available at

Funding

- Outreach Officers will be remunerated at a rate of $500 per day, with expenses up to $100/per day for the Affiliate for work done.
- Total allocation in the current national budget is $360,000 (i.e. notionally 600 days) – this is, on average, 75 days for each Outreach Officer.
- These days have been notionally divided to be 15 days (i.e. 20%) in 2016, 10 days for first half of 2017, then one day per week for the remainder of the project (50 days). This may change as the Round 2 trialing schedule is established and as the needs in different locations emerge.
- Payment to Outreach Officers will be made on invoice for work completed. Limited funding is also available for travel. If Outreach Officers are paid directly by AAMT they will be required to have an ABN.

Next steps

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<td>Affiliate Presidents and other recipients are requested to consider this information as a matter of some urgency. AAMT Council will have a conversation about this project at its meeting on 30 April. Hence Councillors will therefore be well placed to initiate and further inform these discussions.</td>
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<td>AAMT Manager Engagement for this project, Matt Skoss, will contact the Affiliate to commence the identification process.</td>
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<td>Outreach Officers identified in each state and territory. This will involve reaching agreements with both the Outreach Officer and Affiliate.</td>
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<td>Orientation Workshop (Canberra; to be confirmed)</td>
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<td>Outreach Officers undertake local trialling of first tranch of resources</td>
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