



# Call for Advisory Panel Members

## Background

Rocket Science is a business with a social purpose helping to tackle inequalities through policy, research and grant management across the UK. You can find out more about us in this [short video](#).

Operating a hybrid working model from our three offices in London, Newcastle and Edinburgh we have around 30 staff, a range of associates and partnerships with organisations that share our values:

- Focusing on people's lives
- Working collaboratively
- Developing realistic solutions
- Working at the intersections
- Looking to the future
- Being inclusive and empowering

Earlier this year we launched Mission 2026 our strategy for the next three years which has included a new business structure, more investment in our people through improved benefits, wellbeing support and training and a continued commitment to deliver impactful, ethical, trauma and culturally informed work.

To help us navigate the next three years and build our presence, reputation and impact, we are establishing an advisory panel to help us achieve our mission by offering insight, challenge, advice and support for our work and our organisation.

## Who we are looking for

We are looking for six people with expertise in the following areas:

- **Equity, diversity and inclusion** – supporting our commitment to improving our own diversity as well as best practice in the delivery of grants, research and evaluation
- **Ethical research and trauma informed practice** – our work in health, complex needs and with families requires greater consideration in the design and application of research, monitoring and evaluation and we want to be exemplary in this regard
- **AI and technology** – we recognise both the challenges and value of AI in research and grant making, and want to ensure that we consider the implications and opportunities for our work including risk management
- **Evaluation expertise** – the world of evaluation is changing and the requirements for gold standard evidence is growing – we need both challenge and support in developing our methods
- **Systems thinking and design** – the complexity of our work requires greater sophistication and we want to support clients to better mobilise recommendations and programmes
- **Philanthropy and grantmaking** – we are leading new ways of grantmaking and developing new approaches to building the capacity and resilience of organisations we want to build this leadership and expertise.

We are looking for people who can spare at least 4-5 days a year attending virtual or in person sessions, acting as a sounding board and advisor on their area of specialism. There may be other opportunities to collaborate on work so these roles might suit people who are freelance or working independently, or others wishing to build their skills, partnerships and networks.

We have in person all company get togethers at least twice a year, normally in York and other opportunities to bring teams together through internal training, learning and insight sessions.

## Terms

We are offering a fee of £500 per day plus expenses (and VAT if applicable) where necessary, for a minimum of four days per year and you will be responsible for your own tax and NI liability.

We expect that the time requirements will fit in well with other commitments over the year and we would hope that you could join the panel for a minimum of 12 months, but ideally up to three years if that works for you.

## How to apply

If you would like an informal chat about the role and the organisation then please contact either Caroline Masundire or Cherri Blissett for more information.

Or alternatively send a CV/Profile with a covering letter on why this role interests you and what you could bring to Rocket Science to [recruitment@rocketsciencelab.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@rocketsciencelab.co.uk).

We look forward to hearing from you.

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