



NeuroArts Blueprint

Advancing the Science of Arts, Health, and Wellbeing



Overview of Position

The NeuroArts Blueprint (NAB), a partnership between the Aspen Institute and Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, seeks a Senior Project Manager for Community Development and Outreach. This is a senior NAB position reporting directly to NAB's co-CEOs.

The NeuroArts Blueprint was created in 2020 to develop and implement a strategy for building a new field of neuroarts – the study of how the arts and aesthetic experiences measurably change the brain and body and how this knowledge is translated into practices that advance health and wellbeing and help people prevent, manage, and recover from physical and mental challenges.

After two years of work, involving dozens of experts, practitioners, and other stakeholders, that strategy was released in a three-volume report, *NeuroArts Blueprint: Advancing the Science of Arts, Health, and Wellbeing*.

The NAB strategy includes a major focus on outreach efforts and community engagement involving a range of stakeholders, all of whom – from different perspectives – have experience with, or are experts in, neuroarts. Thus, this position requires strong organizational skills, considerable public facing, and great comfort in working with individuals and organizations with well-developed positions.

Specific Responsibilities

The Senior Project Manager for Community Development and Outreach is responsible for overseeing the development, implementation, management, and growth of the following NAB initiatives:

- **NAB Advisory Council.** Responsible for recommendations and oversight of the NeuroArts Blueprint initiative.

- **NAB Advisory Council's Subcommittee on Neuroarts Research.** Responsible for guiding the research priorities and projects to advance this interdisciplinary discipline.
- **Community Neuroarts Coalitions.** A network of local evidence-based arts communities partnering to share and advance neuroarts solutions.
- **Neuroarts Academic Research Consortium.** A network of college and university partners who have neuroarts research, practice and training programs.

For each of these initiatives, as appropriate, the Senior Project Manager will:

- Identify highly qualified and diverse individuals or organizations for consideration to participate in the initiative.
- Establish goals, agendas, and timelines for carrying out the work of the initiative.
- Develop and produce relevant programming for the initiative.
- Develop a format for keeping participants in the initiative informed about, and engaged in, its work.
- Work closely with NAB co-CEOs in developing an overall strategy for integrating the work of the initiative into NAB implementation efforts.

Additional responsibilities include:

- Oversee, manage, and respond to all inquiries from individuals and organizations interested in becoming involved with the greater neuroarts community.
- Identify potential funding opportunities for both the initiatives identified above and NAB in general and assist in the development of proposals seeking such funding.
- Foster relationships with key leaders across the neuroarts spectrum.
- As appropriate, represent NAB at conferences and other meetings and otherwise serve as an “ambassador” for NAB.
- Assist in the development of the NeuroArts Resource Center, a virtual “hub” for information on all things neuroarts, including research, experts, networking, and funding opportunities.

Qualifications

- Graduate degree preferred, or bachelor's degree and relevant experience.
- Cognitive science, psychology or neuroscience background helpful.
- Excellent management skills, including demonstrated ability to run multiple initiatives with sometimes tight and competing deadlines.
- Ability to build relationships with a wide range of stakeholders, including high-profile institutional and philanthropic leaders.
- Experience in working productively with both internal teams and external organizations to achieve consensus on process and products.
- Demonstrated record of collaboration inside and outside the organization, all for a shared goal.
- Superb writing and editing skills.
- Strong commitment to diversity; great patience, listening skills, and attention to details; significant resourcefulness – and a good sense of humor.

Additional Information

- Compensation for this position is commensurate with experience and education. This position is a renewable annual contract with the Aspen Institute.
- This is a hybrid position that will require flexibility for occasional in-person meetings and events.

Submission:

All applicants please submit (1) a cover letter and (2) a resume/CV to Samuel Garrett at samuel.garrett@neuroartsblueprint.org. Please apply by August 15, 2023.

For questions concerning this position and the work of the NeuroArts Blueprint, please email samuel.garrett@neuroartsblueprint.org.