# Thinkers in residence

### unexpected perspectives to create real sustainable change



#### **JOIN US**

Our six-month paid residency is an opportunity for a curious thinker to explore, teach, learn, create and generate new approaches to creating **profound change**. Bring your voice, background, experience and expertise to creating real, sustainable change. Talk about it, embed it, do it.



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#### Something needs to change

We have reached a point where we need to act collectively. The challenges we face are too complex to be resolved through individual, stand-alone actions. We urgently need to think, work and act to change the structures that underpin our society.

#### **Uncovering new pathways**

All of our knowledge, all of our ideas, everything we can imagine is limited by what we have experienced. Intentionally cultivating a space to explore new worldviews and assumptions opens up opportunities to cross-pollinate ideas, assumptions, and conventions.





#### Ultimately, it's about impact

When new types of thinking are interwoven with deep technical, policy and scientific climate expertise we create potential for impact by **dismantling old hegemonies** and breaking through to new frontiers for action.



# A new kind of narrative

Diverse perspectives and unconventional articulations provides a broader array of actors with **entry-points to start to work at a systems-level.** This enables us to break open our change narratives, share them widely, and bring more people to the table.



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#### **How it works**

We are piloting our Thinkers in Residence program over an 18-month period, beginning in Q1 of 2024. We will recruit two Thinkers for two sequential sixmonth residencies, followed by a period to promote, assess and feed back into our work.

Committment: 1 day per week over 6 months, including two 3-4 day in-person retreats in Sydney (travel and accommodation provided)

Compensation: \$25,000

Output: 1 teaser trailer developed after 3 months, final product deliverable after 6 months

#### **Residency begins**

Thinker in residence is appointed and briefed on challenge or theme.

# interaction period: 1 day per week Teaser/trailer

Concept developed and socialised with Climate-KIC team

#### 3-4 day in-person retreat\*

Engage with Climate-KIC team. participate in team portfolio sensemaking sessions

#### Second Thinker in

Final product

Final product or

and promoted.

piloted

artefact produced

Implications for how we think about our work discussed, developed and

residence appointed

New residency begins

#### 3-4 day in-person retreat\*

Conclusion of work. opportunity to cross-pollinate with second Thinker as they commence their residency.

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\* travel and accommodation provided

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#### Investment for transformational impact

Inspired by EIT Climate-KIC's program of the same name, Thinkers in Residence offers an opportunity to let worldviews, mindsets and experiences be challenged, **creating the conditions for something truly transformative to emerge.** 

This program provides an opportunity for visionary thinkers, outside of our usual sphere of engagement, to **create meangingful climate impact** through their work, and further their practice while receiving financial support.

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#### Fresh Perspectives

Break through
conventional barriers and
to find unconventional
solutions to
complex problems.

#### **Deep Thinking**

Making the time and space to push the boundaries of current knowledge and practices

### **Experiment to Innovate**

A groundbreaking
initiative designed to
expand our thinking,
change our mindset and
inspire transformative
action

#### **Intersectional impact**

Cross-pollination of ideas across domains can produce innovative solutions and drive impact across multiple areas of interest

