



Operations Support Volunteer

We are looking for an aspirational, passionate, operational support volunteer to assist us with fundraising, social media and communications, and general admin. This is in support of high impact research we are undertaking on the science-policy interface for GCRs, how to conduct policy outreach, developing the findings of our [GCR/x-risk horizon scan](#), AI Foresight Assembly, and [GRAIN](#) (Global Resilient Anticipatory Infrastructure Network) Initiative. We work at the science-policy interface where we combine each aspect of research, modelling, policy formulation, and outreach. We are interested in you, particularly, if you have experience in successful fundraising, either within the Effective Altruist space, or beyond it in systemic risk, improving institutional decision making, and any specific cause areas of relevance.

Possible Responsibilities

- **High Priorities:**
 - Fundraising support (grant application writing, outreach, research)
 - Administrative tasks (Comfortable with multitasking and doing a variety of ad hoc tasks)
 - Hiring support and volunteer management
 - Communications
- **Medium to Lower Priorities:**
 - Support with organising our upcoming citizen assemblies
 - Policy engagement and advocacy

What we can offer you

- Young ambitious team working towards tractable systemic change
- Curious team with epistemic humility and broad experience
- Early career policy advocacy / engagement opportunities
- Truly impactful opportunity working on novel and bold approaches to mitigating GCR and existential risks
- Fully remote and flexible contribution opportunity

If you have any questions about the role please get in touch with Giuseppe Dal Prá (contact@odysseaninstitute.org)

About the Odyssean Institute

The Odyssean Institute exists to test, scale, and advocate for experiments in better democratic decision making around the greatest challenges facing civilisation. OI seeks to address existential and catastrophic risk by combining complexity science, exploratory modelling, and deliberative mechanisms such as citizen assemblies, to develop a new process of epistemic democratic decision making.



Our transdisciplinary team seeks to pilot an innovative process combining complexity modelling, expert judgement elicitation, and deliberative democracy to better understand and prioritise systemic risks and potential catastrophic events. This "Odyssean Process" aims to leverage existing methodologies in a novel way to enable more effective decision-making on mitigating global risks.

Through a structured expert elicitation and exploratory modelling, we will horizon scan for risks, map interconnected systems, identify leverage points and weaknesses, and develop robust options for mitigation. We will do this using modelling and deliberation mechanisms designed for these classes of multi-risk, multi-criteria optimisations. These will then feed into a representative deliberative process engaging citizens to evaluate tradeoffs and strengthen collective intelligence.

Learn more in our [White Paper](#) and our [Theory of Change](#).

Project showcase: AI Governance Through Citizen Deliberation

We're leading an innovative project combining citizen assemblies with advanced modelling techniques to enhance AI policy development. Working with [Iswe](#), we're making strong progress towards conducting assemblies in three countries to gather diverse perspectives on AI governance.

A key component is our documentary production that captures this process, showcasing our "Odyssean Process" methodology. This film will extend our impact beyond academic and policy circles, building broader communities of practice committed to democratic and well-informed AI governance.

The successful candidate will support operations for this cutting-edge initiative that bridges public deliberation, policy formation, and media production.