Job posting: Associate Specialist- Benioff Ocean Initiative at UC Santa Barbara

Benioff Ocean Initiative Associate Specialist
Marine Science Institute, UC Santa Barbara
The Benioff Ocean Initiative (www.boi.ucsb.edu) at the University of California, Santa Barbara, seeks an associate specialist to generate actionable environmental change in the oceans.

The Benioff Ocean Initiative is a new endeavor led by UC Santa Barbara that aims to use marine research to help solve pervasive ocean problems—it’s an experimental model in innovating ways to translate university-powered research into tangible solutions to problems that affect ocean ecosystems and human communities.

Applicant will be required to communicate and collaborate with other research scientists who will be recruited to study ocean issues within working groups. The purpose of the research working groups will be to generate new science and review existing science to execute new solutions for ocean problems. Advanced expertise in marine science will be required to assemble, lead and synthesize results from such groups. A successful candidate will demonstrate flexibility and an interest in working on a diversity of ocean issues, including exploring emerging ocean technologies.

Responsibilities include:
- Research and report on ocean issue topic areas via concise written briefs or presentations
- Organize scientific working groups to study ocean issues
- Identify and analyze ocean datasets
- Work with contractors and service providers to carry forward projects generated by research groups
- Coordinate ocean-related public outreach events and activities
- Liaise with media as needed
- Assist with BOI social media and website communications as needed

Basic qualifications: Masters degree in marine science, biological science, environmental studies or related field required at the time of application.

Additional qualifications: Experience or working familiarity in some of the following areas:
- marine policy
- data analysis and visualization
- geographic information systems (GIS) and/or ocean geospatial data analysis
- science outreach and communication

with some advanced expertise in at least one of these fields.

Preferred qualifications:
- PhD or Masters level experience conducting marine science or sustainability science inside and outside of university settings
- Project management experience
- Experience with event planning and/or media relations

100% time appointment for one year from start date with the possibility for multiple year reappointment depending on performance and funding. Salary and benefits are competitive, commensurate with the applicant’s qualifications and experience.

Electronic applications including a CV, cover letter and contact information for 3 references should be sent to:
https://recruit.ap.ucsb.edu/apply/JPF01387

For primary consideration apply by November 22, 2018

The University is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through research, teaching and service as appropriate to this position.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

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