



Science Integration Fellow

California Ocean Science Trust & Southern California Coastal Water Research Project

Overview

The California Ocean Science Trust (OST) (www.calost.org) and the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) (www.sccwrp.org) are seeking a creative, dedicated and skilled individual for the position of Science Integration Fellow. Reporting to the Program Director, California Ocean Science Trust, the position will be part of a cross-functional and multi-disciplinary team comprised of OST and SCCWRP staff and contractors to support the integration of rigorous and unbiased science into coastal and ocean policy and management.

The Fellow will work closely with the water quality and marine protected area (MPA) monitoring communities in southern California to explore and pursue opportunities to align MPA and water quality monitoring. Marine protected areas were implemented in California's South Coast region in 2012 and baseline monitoring is ongoing. Water quality monitoring has continued for nearly 40 years and is punctuated by spatially intensive regional surveys, the next of which is scheduled for 2013. Both large-scale monitoring programs are conducted by a diverse suite of governmental agencies, academic institutions and citizen science groups. A timely opportunity exists to critically evaluate and strategically pursue areas of intersection between these programs. This includes assessment of key information needs, program mandates and policies as well as practical measures of capacity for data collection, analysis and information delivery to managers. Areas of focus for the Fellow will include coordination of data collection as part of the "Bight '13" monitoring program, conducting data analyses to understand ocean ecosystem conditions, and collaboratively developing ecosystem report cards to inform ocean resource management.

The position will be based at SCCWRP in Costa Mesa, California but frequent travel to OST in Oakland and throughout California and potentially the US, will be expected. Minimum requirements for application include PhD in biology, marine biology, ecology or related field. The preferred candidate will have excellent quantitative skills and demonstrated collaboration and communication skills. The position is a 1-year, fixed-term appointment with some possibility of extension. The position is funded by OST with in-kind support from SCCWRP. Salary will be commensurate with experience and is expected to be in the range of \$50,000-\$60,000. Generous benefits including medical, dental and vision insurance are included.

Application Information

Qualified applicants should send a current curriculum vitae and application letter via email to hr@calost.org, using a subject line of 'Science Integration Fellow – SCCWRP'. Review of applications is ongoing. Please direct questions to Liz Whiteman, Program Director, California Ocean Science Trust at liz.whiteman@calost.org or (510) 251 8317.