

## Student Assistant Position

### Social Indicators Measuring Human Wellbeing in Washington State Coastal Communities

#### Project Overview:

The School of Marine and Environmental Affairs (SMEA) seeks two graduate students to participate in a project to develop social indicators for measuring human wellbeing in Washington State coastal communities. The project is a collaboration of SMEA, Washington Sea Grant and NOAA's Northwest Fisheries Science Center. Development of social indicators will aid in the human dimensions elements of ecosystem research and integrated ecosystem assessments for Puget Sound and the California Current. The project goal is a framework for measuring social and cultural attributes that are useful for ocean and coastal management and decision-making.

#### Responsibilities:

Under the supervision of SMEA Associate Professor Nives Dolšak, each student will work with project collaborators to:

- (1) assist with literature review;
- (2) assist with field work or test selected indicators with data for a sample of geographic units;
- (3) assist in organization of a 3-4 day workshop meeting for experts in this field.

#### Qualifications:

The ideal candidate for this position is a student from the SMEA or other similar graduate program with an interest in incorporating this project into their academic work and some prior marine environmental or social science research experience. We are seeking individuals who are articulate and self-motivated, well organized, enjoy working in teams and have the ability to complete tasks on time with limited oversight.

#### Desired expertise and skills:

Excellent communication and writing skills, strong background in marine or social sciences, demonstrated capability in scientific synthesis, experience in event planning and coordination, and general scientific research skills (qualitative or quantitative).

#### Schedule and Compensation:

Successful applicants may begin work in fall of 2014 for up to 19.5 hours weekly at \$17/hour. The period of employment is 6 months (520 hours) with potential for involvement through the life of the project.

#### How to Apply:

Please submit a 1-2 page letter explaining the following: (1) proposed thesis research project and how it would contribute to the study of social indicators of human wellbeing in the above coastal ecosystems; and (2) your expertise in the above areas. Submit the document to Prof. Nives Dolšak at [nives@uw.edu](mailto:nives@uw.edu) with "Social Indicators" in the subject line. Applications received by May 30 will receive priority review and the positions will remain open until filled. If you have questions and wish to receive literature that may assist you in preparing your application, contact Nives Dolšak.

#### Notes:

This job classification is governed by a negotiated labor contract and is subject to union shop provisions. For more information about union shop provisions, visit: <http://www.washington.edu/admin/hr/jobs/apl/union-info.html>  
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