

NEW FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Science Integration Fellow

California Ocean Science Trust

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California Ocean Science Trust (www.oceansciencetrust.org) is a non-profit organization established by the state of California to provide scientific guidance to the state on coastal and ocean policy issues. The Science Integration Fellowship represents a unique opportunity to launch a career in science integration. Fellows experience the inner workings of policy and management and build valuable facilitation, communication, and strategic skills while drawing on and advancing their formal academic training. They engage a diverse landscape of partners including state and federal agencies, NGOs, and scientists. The Science Integration Fellow will join a dynamic and multi-disciplinary team united by a mission to design innovative ways for science to play a constructive role in decision making.

The South Coast Science Integration Fellow will translate and share complex scientific information and lay a solid foundation for long-term MPA monitoring in the South Coast region. The Fellow's work will focus on sharing the scientific results of South Coast monitoring in compelling formats that meet the state's information needs and can be used and understood by the broader South Coast community. The Fellow will also support the South Coast team in conducting outreach in large and small group meetings. Reporting efforts will leverage and build upon a broad range of ecological, physical, and socioeconomic research and monitoring activities in the region. As a result, the Fellow's work will involve collaboration with management partners and a wide range of research scientists, citizen scientists, fishermen, and other community members. A variety of current Ocean Science Trust initiatives, including our OceanSpaces community platform, can also be used in support of this work and can benefit from this project.

Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the Science Integration Fellow will include:

- Translate science from existing ecological, physical, and socioeconomic research and monitoring activities in the South Coast for decision-makers and the public
- Collaborate with management and science partners to create products that are scientifically sound and relevant to the state's information needs
- Write, edit, and produce content for a range of communications channels, including written reports and online content
- Coordinate with contractors on development of communications materials

Qualifications

Skills and attributes:

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, with an ability to translate complex scientific information for a wide range of technical and non-technical audiences
- Comfortable collaborating with a range of scientific and management partners and community members
- Strong ability to prioritize multiple tasks and remain flexible when faced with short or changing timelines
- Comfortable working in a fast-paced, dynamic environment
- Outcome-driven with sound project management skills
- Ability to develop and evaluate new ideas and approaches as needed to attain objectives
- Strong interpersonal skills

- Authorized to work in the United States
- Experience using Adobe Illustrator and Adobe InDesign is preferred

Knowledge and experience:

- MS or Ph.D. in science communication or science policy, with some experience in biology, marine biology, ecology or related field required;
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MS or Ph.D. in biology, marine biology, ecology, or related field, with some experience in science communication or science policy required
- Familiarity with California's marine and coastal ecosystems preferred

Location

The position will be based at the Ocean Science Trust offices in Oakland, California, but travel throughout California will be expected. Applicants must possess a valid driver's license permitting driving within the U.S. and may be required to use their own vehicle for travel, reimbursable at the state rate.

Compensation

The position is a 12-month, fixed-term appointment with some possibility of extension. Salary will be commensurate with experience and is expected to be in the range of \$50,000-\$58,000. 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 fellowships@oceansciencetrust.org. We seek to fill this position as soon as possible, and review of applications will begin immediately. Please direct questions to Benét Duncan, Associate Scientist, California Ocean Science Trust at benet.duncan@oceansciencetrust.org.

About Ocean Science Trust

California Ocean Science Trust works across government, science, and communities to promote collaboration and build trust and mutual understanding in ocean and coastal science. By developing new tools and processes, and synthesizing and translating scientific knowledge, we help decision-makers realize the full value of public investments in science and help scientists increase their relevance and impact on society.

As a lead partner in California's MPA monitoring program, Ocean Science Trust works closely with the California Ocean Protection Council and California Department of Fish and Wildlife to design and implement monitoring of California's statewide marine protected area (MPA) network. We are pioneering scientific and practical assessments of ocean ecosystem conditions, and developing innovative approaches for sharing monitoring results so that decision-makers and stakeholders have timely, credible information for making science-informed decisions around MPA management and broader issues that include fisheries, climate adaptation, and water quality management.

California Ocean Science Trust is an equal opportunity employer and makes employment decisions on the basis of merit. We want to have the best available person in every job. Trust policy prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, gender, religion, marital status, registered domestic partner status, age, national origin or ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition including genetic characteristics, sexual orientation, or any other consideration made unlawful by federal, state, or local laws. It also prohibits unlawful discrimination based on the perception that anyone has any of those characteristics, or is associated with a person who has or is perceived as having any of those characteristics.