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**Graduate Research Assistant**  
**PhD in Examining Climate Change and Human Wellbeing in Puget Sound**  
**Human Dimensions Lab**  
Oregon State University Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Sciences  
Corvallis, OR

The Human Dimensions lab at Oregon State University's department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Sciences is seeking an outstanding PhD student to contribute to applied research on the relationships between climate change and human wellbeing in the Puget Sound region of Washington State. The student will be funded by an EPA award to work with the Puget Sound Partnership in Washington State and Dr. Biedenweg and Dr. Trimbach at OSU. The student will be expected to play an active role in partner-engaged collaborative research and project management, including working closely with the Puget Sound Partnership and/or other Puget Sound partners. The student will be fully funded for a minimum of four years through a combination of Research Assistantship and Teaching Assistantship.

**Start date:** January or March of 2022

**Funding:** A combination of RA and TA that cover tuition, benefits and stipend. Project travel support also available.

**Expectations:**

1. Design and conduct original, empirical research on climate change and human wellbeing in the Puget Sound region related to the Puget Sound Partnership's Human Wellbeing Vital Signs (*see links below*)
2. Collaborate with existing Puget Sound partners to conduct partner-engaged research
3. Co-locate with one of the partner agencies for a minimum three months
4. Teach one online course per year in Communications or Multicultural Perspectives in Natural Resource Management
5. Co-author ~1 manuscript every two years with Dr. Biedenweg and/or Dr. Trimbach
6. Submit proposals to obtain additional research funding support
7. Participate in relevant academic conferences and partner meetings
8. Follow departmental guidelines to meet graduation requirements in about 4 years
9. Already have a completed M.S. in relevant field

To apply:

Please send a CV with the names of 3 references, a cover letter describing your interest in this project, and a 3-4 page research proposal describing (in general) the research you would like to conduct (*see links below for more information*), including

hypotheses/questions, methods, justification, and intended products to Dr. David Trimbach, [david.trimbach@oregonstate.edu](mailto:david.trimbach@oregonstate.edu). Applications accepted until filled, though we will begin reviewing September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Feel free to reach out after this date to see if we are still reviewing applications.

Please do not apply to the OSU graduate school. See the department's graduate acceptance process here: <https://fwcs.oregonstate.edu/fisheries-and-wildlife/how-apply-ms-or-phd-graduate-program>.

**Further information about the Puget Sound Partnership** (funding source)  
<https://www.psp.wa.gov/puget-sound-partnership.php>

**Further Information about the Puget Sound Partnership's Vital Signs** (funding for this position focuses on Healthy Human Population and Vibrant Quality of Life Vital Signs)  
<http://www.psp.wa.gov/vitalsigns/index.php>

**Further Information about the Social Science for the Salish Sea (S4) Effort** (pay attention to Q09: How does, and will, climate change impact the holistic health and well-being of Salish Sea communities?). Funding for this position is provided to support research associated with this question and the overall S4 priorities.  
[https://earthlab.uw.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/26/2019/12/S4Report\\_FINAL.pdf](https://earthlab.uw.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/26/2019/12/S4Report_FINAL.pdf)