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## **Masters in Ocean Acidification and Public Engagement**

Oregon Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit and Human Dimensions Lab  
Oregon State University Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Sciences

**Position description:** The Oregon Coop Unit and Human Dimensions Lab at Oregon State University are seeking a highly motivated Masters student to contribute to applied research on public engagement in ocean acidification prevention and adaptation. The Masters student will help design and conduct a study using approaches from social psychology to understand perceptions of ocean acidification among coastal visitors, and explore the use of micro-interventions such as nudges to increase their personal and public behaviors related to ocean acidification. The student will be expected to play an active role in collaborative research and project management. They will receive 2 years of funding (1 year of research assistantship and 1 year of teaching assistantship) and will develop and implement a project-related thesis in collaboration with Dr. Megan Jones, their graduate advisor, and with Dr. Tommy Swearingen and other members of the Oregon Marine Reserves program within the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

**Start date:** September 21, 2022

**Core Location:** Corvallis, OR (the traditional homelands of the Mary's River or Ampinefu Band of Kalapuya; <https://asosu.oregonstate.edu/land-rec>)

**Funding:** 1 year of RA and 1 year of TA, covering tuition, benefits and stipend

### **Expectations:**

- Design and conduct original, empirical research using quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis
- Build and sustain partnerships with agency and nonprofit stakeholders
- Teach 1-3 e-campus courses per year in Communication Skills for Fisheries and Wildlife Professionals and related subjects
- Co-author 1-2 manuscripts with Dr. Jones
- Submit proposals to obtain additional research funding support
- Contribute to a culture of diversity, equity, inclusion and justice in the graduate student community
- Share research results through professional oral presentations (e.g. at conferences) and outreach materials
- Follow departmental guidelines to meet graduation requirements in about 2 years

**Minimum requirements:** Applicants must meet the OSU Graduate School minimum requirements for admission (found at: <https://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/admissions/academic->

[requirements](#)). Qualified applicants will have a Bachelor's degree in a conservation social science field (e.g. psychology, communications studies, anthropology, geography, sociology, political science, human dimensions of natural resource) by the expected start date. Students will also be considered who have a degree in fisheries, wildlife, biology, ecology or allied fields and who have taken coursework in conservation social science methods or theory, or have worked on conservation social science projects in the past. This position requires strong verbal and written communication skills, and the ability to effectively collaborate with agency and nonprofit stakeholders. The Oregon Coop Unit, Human Dimensions Lab and partner agencies are dedicated to supporting the diverse needs of our students and employees. Applicants from historically excluded groups (e.g., Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, LGBTQ+, women, first-generation college students, and those from underserved communities) are strongly encouraged to apply.

**To apply:** Please send a CV with the names of 3 references and a 1-2-page cover letter describing your interest in this project to Dr. Megan Jones, [Megan.Jones@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Megan.Jones@oregonstate.edu). Please include a brief description of your relevant past experience as well as some discussion of what interests you about this research topic. Priority will be given to applications received by Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and applications received after that will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Please reach out with questions.

For more information about the project team please check out the following websites:

Dr. Jones' personal website: <https://www.megansjones.com/>

Oregon Marine Reserves website: <https://oregonmarinereserves.com/>

Oregon Coop Unit website: <https://www1.usgs.gov/coopunits/unit/Oregon>

The Human Dimensions Lab website: <https://kellybiedenweg.weebly.com/>