



Ocean and Coastal Policy Center Research and Communication Internship

Marine Science Institute

University of California, Santa Barbara

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The Ocean and Coastal Policy Center at UCSB is seeking a part-time undergraduate research and communication intern to support the work of the Ocean & Coastal Policy Center at UCSB (OCPC), in the Marine Sciences Institute.

About the Ocean and Coastal Policy Center

The [Ocean and Coastal Policy Center](#) (OCPC) is located in the Marine Science Institute at UCSB. OCPC seeks to address our most pressing coastal management and protection issues through policy research, education and advising. Though California has a long history of successful coastal management, climate change presents new challenges, including the existential threat from sea level rise along our shorelines. OCPC's current research is focusing directly on this challenge by seeking to prepare the UCSB campus for future sea level rise. In addition, the broader question of how to adapt to sea level rise in our region, including at UCSB, is a major focus of the Center.

Position Description

The research intern will work under the supervision of OCPC director Dr. [Charles Lester](#), and coordinate closely with other graduate student researchers working at OCPC as needed. OCPC is currently implementing several major research grants concerning coastal adaptation planning for sea level rise and assisting with the creation of a shoreline adaptation strategy for the campus. The intern would support research on these projects and assist with general administrative support of OCPC activities, social media and website communication content development and management.

Responsibilities

Major assignments may consist of data collection and analysis of shoreline characteristics and planning/management issues along the shoreline of the UCSB campus and region. This may include collection and synthesis of existing studies, data sets and technical resources especially related to sea level rise and shoreline adaptation. Assignments may also include management and update of the OCPC website, development of social media communications about OCPC and its research (e.g., web posts, LinkedIn/Instagram/Facebook posts) and other communication tasks (e.g., a newsletter might be developed). The intern would also help with other OCPC-related administrative tasks such as scheduling and meeting management.

Qualifications

- Currently pursuing BA/BS degree at UCSB.
- Interest in coastal management, policy and science.
- Independent, proactive and team-oriented.
- Critical thinking and writing skills.
- Organized, attention to detail, and ability to meet deadlines.
- Social media and website design/programming experience.
- **A Plus:** knowledge of coastal management, land use planning & public policy.

Appointment and Compensation

This is a part-time position, up to 10 hours/week during academic quarters. Compensation will be \$18/hr. Work may need to be conducted remotely.

Commitment to Diversity

The University is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through research, teaching and service.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

To apply, please send a letter of interest and resume to charleslester@ucsb.edu with the subject line "Ocean and Coastal Center Intern Position". Open until filled.