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Job Title Junion Assistant Specialist Coastal Marine Microbial

Ecology Department of Environmental Science,

Policy, and Management

Department

Institution University of California Berkeley

Berkeley, California

Date Posted Jun. 19, 2024

Application Deadline 07/17/2024

Position Start Date Available immediately

Job Categories Research Scientist/Associate

Academic Field(s) Environmental Sciences/Ecology/Forestry

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Job Description

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Junior/Assistant Specialist Coastal Marine Microbial Ecology Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management

Position overview Position title: Junior Specialist, Assistant Specialist

Salary range: The UC academic salary scales set the minimum pay determined by rank and step at appointment. See the following table(s) for the current salary scale(s) for this position https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/_files/2024-25/july-2024-scales/t24-b.pdf. A reasonable estimate for this position is \$53,100 - \$68,300.



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Anticipated start: Summer 2024

Position duration: One year with the possibility of extension based on performance and availability of

funding.

Application Window Open date:June 16, 2024

Next review date: Monday, Jul 1, 2024 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time) Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

Final date:Wednesday, Jul 17, 2024 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)
Applications will continue to be accepted until this date, but those received after the review date will only be considered if the position has not yet been filled.

Position description

The Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management at the University of California, Berkeley seeks applications for a Junior or Assistant Specialist in the Correa Lab, in the area of coastal marine microbial ecology.

The Correa lab is a highly inclusive and collaborative environment, that studies how microbial symbionts influence the health of their hosts and ecosystem responses to stress.

The Junior or Assistant Specialist's primary focus will be to investigate the diversity, natural history, and function of microbial symbionts associated with reef corals and other marine benthic invertebrates using omics, microscopy, culture-based approaches, and in situ observations. The successful candidate will collaborate with Postdoctoral Researcher and Graduate Student lab members, who are working to discover the dynamics of microbial symbionts within hosts experiencing global change stressors. The successful candidate will also help coordinate and train Undergraduate Student lab members in research activities.

The Junior or Assistant Specialist will provide research support to a variety of the lab's methods, including collection of data in coral reef and wet lab environments, extraction of DNA and RNA, PCR, restriction enzyme digestion for analytical purposes, agarose gel purification of restricted bands, density counts of microbial symbionts via microscopy, maintenance of microbial symbiont cultures, and



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Job Duties (while not limited to) may include assistance with the development and maintenance of:

- Detailed records of the experiments performed, conclusions made, and potential outcomes
- Communicating results orally, through active participation at weekly lab meetings and in outreach settings
- Daily record-keeping in the laboratory notebook (including written protocols for new assays)
- Graphing cumulative data as it is generated
- Interpreting data and drawing conclusions
- Preparation and participation in experiments and in situ observations, at times more than one per day
- Complete assigned background reading/research, as necessary for the progression of research projects
- Assisting with publications of research results

Qualifications

Basic qualifications (required at time of application)

Bachelor's Degree (or equivalent international degree) or enrolled in a Bachelor's Degree (or equivalent international degree)

Additional qualifications (required at time of start)

Bachelor's Degree (or equivalent international degree)

Preferred qualifications

Demonstrated experience performing experiments, including:

- Planning
- Data Documentation
- Communication of findings and/or results

Demonstrated experience with experimental procedures, including:

- Trouble-shooting ongoing research and associated protocols
- Development of protocols for new research and/or projects

Applied experience in one or more of the areas of:

- Marine ecology
- Microbiology
- Bioinformatics



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Application Requirements

Document requirements

- Curriculum Vitae Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter

Reference requirements

3 required (contact information only)

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Job location Berkeley, CA

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