

Assistant/Associate Project Scientist - Neoliberal
Environmental - ESPM: Ecosystem Sciences Division
University of California Berkeley

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Job Title	Assistant/Associate Project Scientist - Neoliberal Environmental - ESPM: Ecosystem Sciences Division
Department	
Institution	University of California Berkeley Berkeley, California
Date Posted	Aug. 1, 2024
Application Deadline	08/30/2024
Position Start Date	Available immediately
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Academic Field(s)	Geology/Geosciences - General Earth Sciences
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Job Description

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**Assistant/Associate Project Scientist - Neoliberal Environmental - ESPM: Ecosystem Sciences
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Position overview Position title: Assistant Project Scientist, Associate Project Scientist

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/t37-b.pdf. A

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reasonable estimate for this position is \$74,100 -\$94,300.

Percent time: 100%

Anticipated start: Fall 2024

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

Application Window

Open date: July 31, 2024

Next review date: Wednesday, Aug 14, 2024 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

Final date: Friday, Aug 30, 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 ESPM: Ecosystem Sciences Division at the University of California, Berkeley seeks applications for an Assistant/Associate Project Scientist in the laboratory of Professor Sunaura Taylor, in the area of Neoliberal Environmental Thought.

The specific duties for the chosen candidate will involve research on critical studies of human-nature relations in relation to the connections between economic ideas, and especially the role of markets, as vehicles for regulating and governing challenging ecological and climatic crises.

In particular the dominant neoliberal views of economics posits that the market is not merely a site of exchange but a site of knowledge production superior to any institution-including government planning bureaus and science itself-and therefore the omniscient market must be defended even if it costs humanity the Earth. The research project intends to explore how neoliberals have navigated this paradox for nearly a century, a period in which they have developed an array of frameworks to manage environmental problems. It rests on the idea that believe that a history of neoliberal environmental thought is needed to understand how this small clique of conservative intellectuals have come to dominate environmental debates to the degree that some progressive social movements have adopted their policies, such as cap-and-trade, geoengineering, and the commons.

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Responsibilities include:

- discourse analysis
- archival research
- analyzing data
- preparing papers for publication
- presentation at conferences
- detailed records of research performed
- conclusions made and communication of results orally through notes and records

Professor Taylor will provide mentoring to the candidate to help structure the research project and collect data, and also to produce high quality publications.

Qualifications

Basic qualifications (required at time of application)

PhD or equivalent international degree.

Additional qualifications (required at time of start)

Minimum of 2 years of research experience post PhD.

Preferred qualifications

- 3 years Post PhD experience
- PhD in environmental history, history of economic thought, geography, environmental sociology, political ecology, or a related field.
- Publications or works in progress in the subfield of neoliberal environmental thought.
- Has demonstrated organizational skills to help foster a new subfield by organizing workshops, editing special issues, mentoring students, etc.

Application Requirements

Document requirements

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Statement of Research

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Reference requirements

- 3 required (contact information only)

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Job location

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