Post-Doctoral Scholar Position: Community Dimensions of Offshore Wind Energy Development

with the School of Public Policy, Sociology Program and Pacific Marine Energy Center Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon

Position:

The Pacific Marine Energy Center (PMEC) and School of Public Policy at Oregon State University are recruiting a post-doctoral scholar to support social science research on community dimensions of offshore wind energy development. Specifically, we are recruiting a post-doc to support a multi-institution Department of Energy funded project examining community benefits of potential future offshore wind development in Oregon, California, Washington, and Maine. We are seeking an individual with a social science background experienced in both qualitative and quantitative modes of inquiry and who is comfortable interacting with a variety of groups. The candidate must be willing to travel to research sites several times each year.

Responsibilities:

The successful applicant will:

- Work with PIs to lead a team of graduate and undergraduate students to conduct in-person community surveys.
- Help with survey analysis
- Conduct in-depth, semi-structured qualitative interviews with community, stakeholder, and rights-holder groups (including Tribal groups)
- Lead analysis of interview data
- Disseminate research findings through high-impact research journals and academic conferences.
- Attend regular research meetings, with OSU team as well as PIs at various institutions

Required Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in a social science discipline, such as sociology, geography, policy, or an interdisciplinary degree with a strong social science emphasis.
- Expertise in qualitative research methods, especially interview data collection and analysis
- Track-record of independent research, critical thinking, and successful academic publications
- Ability to relocate to Corvallis, Oregon, for at least the first year of the postdoc, with possibility to locate proximate to one of our research institutional partners in California, Washington, Maine or Delaware for all or a portion of the duration.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience working with Tribal groups and governments.
- Expertise with inferential statistics for survey data analysis, particularly conjoint or discrete choice techniques
- Experience with Arc GIS and spatial modeling
- Knowledge of commercial-scale renewable energy systems and policy, marine or offshore
- Spanish language proficiency

Position available: June 1, 2024

This is a full-time, 12-month (with option of additional 12-month renewal) Postdoctoral Scholar position, located at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon. Oregon is a beautiful state in the U.S. with access to the ocean and the mountains. Oregon State University has strong programs in both coastal and ocean engineering as well as oceanography. Oregon State University is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

PMEC is a competitively designated U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Center focused on the responsible advancement of marine energy by expanding scientific understanding, engaging stakeholders, and educating students. Within PMEC, researchers from Oregon State University, the University of Washington, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks work closely with marine energy technology developers, academic and National Laboratory researchers, coastal community members, ocean users, federal and state regulators, and other government officials, to address key challenges in the sector and accelerate its emergence. We serve as an objective voice regarding the opportunities, capabilities, and effects of marine energy, including wave, tidal, riverine, and offshore wind resources. For additional information about the activities within PMEC, please visit: www.pmec.us.

U.S. citizens and residents will be prioritized.

Stipend and benefits conform with postdoctoral scholar standards at Oregon State. More information about postdoctoral scholar appointments at Oregon State can be found at http://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/postdocs

Application:

Position is open until filled.

Applicants must send the following documents in a single PDF file (Word documents will not be opened) to the contact listed below:

- A detailed CV
- A two-page statement describing your background and how you meet the qualifications for the advertised position
- Contact information for three references

The subject line of your email should contain the following text: "Post-doctoral scholar in Community Benefits of Offshore Wind (your last name)." Please note that only candidates that meet the required skills and expertise will be contacted.

Contact:

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