

## HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY SPONSORED PROGRAMS FOUNDATION

Vacancy Announcement for the NMFS Cooperative Fisheries Oceanography Research Team

**POSITION:** Research Technician (Fisheries Oceanography): Full-time, temporary, one-year appointment, with probationary review at one month and three months and continuation contingent on satisfactory performance and project funding. Contract may be renewed for additional years, contingent on satisfactory performance and project funding. **THIS IS NEITHER A STATE NOR A FEDERAL POSITION.** This is a contracted position funded through a contract from the National Marine Fisheries Service to the Humboldt State University Sponsored Programs Foundation via the Cooperative Institute for Marine Ecosystems and Climate to support oceanographic research off northern California.

**LOCATION:** Humboldt State University Telonicher Marine Laboratory in Trinidad, California.

**DUTIES:** Serve as a research technician to support ocean observing activities off northern California and fisheries oceanography research in support of the NMFS mission. This will require the following:

- Coordinate and lead short (12-14 hour) research cruises at 2-4 week intervals;
- Coordinate and lead occasional longer (2-4 day) cruises, as required;
- Organize, prepare, and maintain research equipment before and after cruises;
- Curate and coordinate analysis of biological and water samples;
- Enter, process, and manage biological and oceanographic data;
- Assist in preparation of data reports, grant proposals, and manuscripts;
- Assist in management and coordination of laboratory activities; and
- Additional duties as directed and based on individual's skills and interests.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** **Education:** B.A. or B.S. from a four-year college or university in Fisheries, Oceanography, or related marine or aquatic science. *Preferred:* M.S. degree in similar fields, or other substantial research/professional experience. **Experience:** Substantial at-sea experience, including independent work with oceanographic sampling techniques and equipment. *Preferred:* Experience with at-sea leadership of oceanographic cruises and maintenance of oceanographic equipment. Experience with laboratory techniques, e.g., zooplankton identification, otolith microstructure analysis, water chemistry assays, or ocean data analysis. **Knowledge:** Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel. *Preferred:* Proficiency with relational databases or a computing language such as MATLAB or R. **Abilities:** Strong verbal and written communication skills, effective leadership, time-management and organizational skills, ability to work independently in following through on assigned tasks. See additional Requirements below.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Ability to work reliably, safely and consistently at sea under rough, cold conditions and on short notice. Ability to satisfy health and ability requirements for at-sea duty. Ability to work effectively in laboratory settings, which may include extended use of laboratory equipment (e.g., fume hoods, microscopes, etc.) or office equipment (e.g., computers, telephones, etc.). Position requires sufficient strength, manual dexterity, eye-hand coordination, and (corrected) vision and hearing to safely conduct tasks associated with diverse research activities.. Possession of or ability to obtain a valid CA driver's license is required.

**COMPENSATION:** \$16 - \$22/hour (\$33,280 to \$45,760 per year), based on education and experience. Expected work load is 40 hours per week. This position includes health benefits (including dental and vision) and accrues paid vacation. Retirement benefits begin after one year of full-time employment.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Qualified applicants should submit letter of application, detailed resume, and names and phone numbers of at least two professional references electronically (preferred) to: Eric.Bjorkstedt@noaa.gov; by mail to: Eric Bjorkstedt, HSU Marine Lab, P.O. Box 690, Trinidad, CA 95570; or by FAX to: 707.826.3682. Review of applications will begin 10 February 2011. After this date, applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

*HSU Sponsored Programs Foundation is an Equal Opportunity /Title IX employer. Applications from and nominations of qualified women, members of minority groups, veterans with covered veterans status, and persons with disabilities are particularly encouraged. HSU Sponsored Programs Foundation hires only individuals authorized to work in the United States.*