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Graduate Research Assistant The University of Oklahoma

The Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program (SCIPP) has funding for a Graduate Research Assistant beginning in the **Fall 2022 semester**. The ideal candidate must be admitted into a doctoral program at the University of Oklahoma in an academic unit that excels in public finance, climate adaptation strategies, or stakeholder engagement. A 4-year tuition waiver and stipend will be offered.

The position will contribute to the NOAA-funded subproject on Developing Governance and Collaborative Capacity. Prior SCIPP stakeholder collaborations and conversations revealed the need to connect climate-related challenges that communities face to the actions that can be taken to provide funding and resources to address those challenges. One facet of identifying actions includes identifying city, county, and tribal planning and finance, regulation, and budgeting levers that can be utilized to fund those actions. The desired outcome for this subproject is to encourage community collaboration processes to foster routine consideration of novel fiscal, economic, and financial strategies that can be used to implement climate adaptation actions.

Applicants should have education and experience in public administration/business management OR climate/adaptation. Training will be provided to complement the selected candidate's strengths. The position requires well-developed human relations and written and oral communication skills. Applicants should be creative, motivated and be able to follow through on projects with minimal supervision. Some travel may be required.

The [Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program's](#) (SCIPP) mission is to assist organizations with making decisions that build resilience by collaboratively producing research, tools, and knowledge that reduce weather and climate risks and impacts across the South-Central United States. Comprised of an interdisciplinary team of researchers and staff, SCIPP has combined expertise in climate, meteorology, planning, public administration/policy analysis, communication, outreach, and education. Team members often work at the intersection of research and practice. SCIPP is a [Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments \(RISA\)](#) team supported by the Climate Program Office at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

About the University of Oklahoma: Established in 1890, the University of Oklahoma is a comprehensive public research university in Norman, Oklahoma, offering a wide array of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs and extensive continuing education and public service programs. The 277-acre Research Campus includes the National Weather Center, the Stephenson Research and Technology Center, the Stephenson Life Sciences Research Center, and several Partners Place buildings that co-locate University offices with more than 350 private-sector employees across more than a dozen companies.

Interested? Email a cover letter and c.v. to Prof. Aimee Franklin alfranklin@ou.edu