



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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Climate Assessment Specialist, Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program The University of Oklahoma

Position: The Oklahoma Climatological Survey at the University of Oklahoma invites applications for the position of a Climate Assessment Specialist for the Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program (SCIPP). This position is a full-time appointment ending August 31, 2021. Extension is possible pending acceptable performance and availability of funds.

Salary: \$45,000 – \$55,000 annual; salary commensurate with skills and experience.

Beginning Date: The appointment will be available November 9, 2020.

Responsibilities: The individual selected for this position will conduct research, assessments, and stakeholder engagement projects with the Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program, a NOAA Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (RISA) team. In particular, the Climate Assessment Specialist will work closely with selected communities and professional associations to increase use of products from the National Climate Assessment (NCA), to provide information about sector concerns, needs, actions, and indicators of climate change to the NCA process, and to promote the use of climate information in planning decisions across the region. The individual will be part of a national network of Sustained Assessment Specialists who work through other RISA teams to assess and promote use of NCA information.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Assessing stakeholders' current use of climate information and adaptive capacity and their long-term climate information needs;
- Working with cities and professional associations to identify how climate information can inform their planning processes to improve resilience to climate extremes;
- Participating in regional, state, and local meetings to present information from the NCA and other relevant climate information and translate climate information into formats that promote use by stakeholders;
- Preparing findings of research and engagement results for technical and non-technical audiences;
- Promoting opportunities to provide input or comments into the NCA process;
- Routine communication and collaborations with other Sustained Assessment Specialists;
- Collaborating with colleagues at the NCA, other RISA teams, and NOAA partners to identify adaptation strategies used by communities to address the impacts of climate change;
- Leveraging SCIPP core activities to gather feedback from participants on needs, actions, adaptation strategies, or other information required by the NCA;
- Highlighting for the SCIPP team the need for additional products, indicators, summary documents, or research identified from community interactions;
- Contributing to routine and special documents as needed, including newsletters, news and events notices, annual reports, and special publications or information as events warrant.

Requirements: Applicants should have completed a postgraduate degree (Masters or PhD), prior to appointment, in a field related to climate, geography, or environmental sustainability. Exceptional applicants from other disciplines will be considered. The position requires well-developed human relations and communication skills, including written and oral. Candidates must demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the findings in the 2018 National Climate Assessment reports and be able to explain them to multiple types of audiences. Candidates must also demonstrate general understanding of climate processes and the ability to conduct research. A minimum of two years' experience working for a climate services organization or climate adaptation organization is preferred. Frequent travel to regional and national meetings and stakeholder engagement activities is required. Proficiency with computer applications, including PowerPoint, MS-Word, and Excel is required. Familiarity with GIS or R is preferred. Applicants should be motivated and have the ability to follow through on projects with minimal supervision.

Deadline: Application should be submitted by **October 22, 2020** via the OU Jobs website position #202730 and addressed to Ms. Rachel Riley, Deputy Director, Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program, Oklahoma Climatological Survey, 120 David L. Boren Blvd., Suite 2900, Norman, Ok 73072. Include cover letter, resume, three work-related references, and a 2- to 4-page writing sample that demonstrates the ability to communicate scientific or technical information to a professional audience. For further information, applicants may contact Ms. Riley at rriley@ou.edu or SCIPP Program Manager Ms. Caylah Cruickshank, caylahc@ou.edu. Position will remain open until filled.

About SCIPP: 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 at the University of Oklahoma, Louisiana State University, Texas Sea Grant, the University of Kansas, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, SCIPP serves the four-state region of Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Together, SCIPP team members have 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 offering a wide array of undergraduate, graduate and professional programs and extensive continuing education and public service programs. Its 2000-acre Norman Campus houses 15 colleges with approximately 1300 faculty serving more than 26,000 students. The 277-acre Research Campus provides more than 750,000 square feet of space constructed since 2003 and 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.

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