



The University of Oklahoma®
Department of Geography and Environmental Sustainability

Funded PhD Position in Climate Justice at the University of Oklahoma

Position Description

A 4-year funded Ph.D. research assistantship position is available in the Department of Geography and Environmental Sustainability at the University of Oklahoma, under the supervision of Dr. Lauren Mullenbach. This GRA position is associated with a funded research project related to climate justice. The assistantship will cover a tuition waiver, stipend, and health insurance. Preferred start date is Fall 2022. Please email lauren.mullenbach@ou.edu for more information about this opportunity.

Project Information

The incoming student will be associated with the Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program, and will study multiple dimensions of injustice related to climate change, as well as how principles of climate justice can be applied to climate adaptation processes. This **mixed-methods social science** research will be conducted at a community-based scale, which will include field work engaging with vulnerable communities, with the goal to identify how they cope with and advocate for solutions that will reduce their vulnerability.

Required Qualifications

- Masters degree (by August 2022) in geography, environmental studies, urban planning, or related field
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

Desired Qualifications

- Interest in environmental, social, and climate justice
- Experience with social science research methods, including qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Applicants from underrepresented backgrounds are encouraged to apply

Life in Norman, Oklahoma

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How to apply

- Send an email to Dr. Mullenbach (lauren.mullenbach@ou.edu) before beginning application
- Include in the email a (2-page maximum) personal statement outlining your broad research interests, and a resume/CV **no later than November 30, 2021**.
- Complete the full OU DGES graduate application. The deadline for full consideration is **January 15, 2022**. For more information about how to apply, visit <https://www.ou.edu/ags/geography/degree-programs/graduate-program>