



## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

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### **Climate Assessment Specialist, Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program**

Oklahoma Climatological Survey  
The University of Oklahoma

**Position:** The Oklahoma Climatological Survey at the University of Oklahoma invites applications for the position of a Research Associate for the Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program (SCIPP). This position is a full-time appointment ending June 30, 2017. Extension is possible pending acceptable performance and availability of funds.

**Salary:** \$40,000 – \$50,000 annual; salary commensurate with skills and experience.

**Beginning Date:** The appointment will be available August 1, 2015.

**Responsibilities:** The individual selected for this position will conduct research, assessments, and stakeholder engagement projects with the Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program, a project funded by the NOAA Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments (RISA) Program. In particular, the Research Associate will work closely with selected communities to analyze and assess their vulnerabilities (both physical and social) to extreme events and climate change and to collaborate with colleagues at the National Climate Assessment, other RISA Teams, and NOAA partners. Specific responsibilities include:

- Working with cities [including the Rockefeller Foundation’s Resilient Cities in the SCIPP region and partner communities such as Moore, Oklahoma and Mandeville, Louisiana] to identify how climate information can inform their planning processes to improve resilience to climate extremes;
- Working with staff of the National Climate Assessment and related Sustained Assessment Specialists to identify adaptation and coping strategies used by communities to address the impacts of climate change;
- Training others, including project team members, partners, and community planners, on how to conduct vulnerability assessments;
- Highlighting for the SCIPP team the need for additional products, indicators, summary documents, or research identified from community interactions;
- Identifying additional opportunities for SCIPP to participate in local, regional, or national assessment activities;
- Developing presentations containing relevant content from the 2014 National Climate Assessment and other documents tailored to particular audiences;
- Contributing to routine and special documents as needed, including newsletters, news and events notices, annual reports, and special publications or information as events warrant; and
- Assisting with SCIPP public activities as needed.

**Requirements:** Applicants should have completed a Masters degree, prior to appointment, in a field related to climate, planning 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 2014 National Climate Assessment report and be able to explain them to multiple types of audiences. Candidates must also demonstrate general understanding of climate processes, whether through formal education or collaboration with climate and weather scientists. Experience working with communities, organizations or agencies related to climate adaptation planning 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 is preferred. Applicants should be motivated and have the ability to follow through on projects with minimal supervision.

**Deadline:** Application should be submitted by **July 3, 2015** via the OU Jobs website position #22600 and addressed to Dr. Mark Shafer, Director, Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program, Oklahoma Climatological Survey, 120 David L. Boren Blvd., Suite 2900, Norman, Ok 73072. Include cover letter, resume, and references. For further information, applicants may contact Dr. Mark Shafer at [mshafer@ou.edu](mailto:mshafer@ou.edu) or SCIPP Program Manager Margret Boone, [mboone@ocs.ou.edu](mailto:mboone@ocs.ou.edu).

**About SCIPP:** The [Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program](#) (SCIPP) is a south central United States focused climate hazards and research program whose mission is to increase the region's resiliency and level of preparedness for weather extremes now and in the future. The area we serve includes the 6-state region of Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Mississippi. From severe storms, flooding, drought, hurricanes and storm surge, heat waves, wildfires, to winter storms, the South experiences among the nation's most extensive collection of climate-related hazards with many southern states ranking at or near the top of the lists in disaster declarations and billion dollar disasters. SCIPP is a [Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments \(RISA\)](#) team supported by the Climate Program Office at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). SCIPP is a collaborative effort between the Oklahoma Climatological Survey and South Central Climate Science Center at the University of Oklahoma, the Department of Geography and Anthropology and Southern Regional Climate Center at Louisiana State University, the Department of Geography at Texas A&M University, and the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Together, these institutions and organizations combine their expertise in climate, outreach, education, data quality and dissemination, and mapping to address the issues of climate hazards across the southern United States.

**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 new 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.