

The California Ocean Science Trust announces:

2013-2014 Science Integration Fellowships

OST Science Integration Fellowships are exciting opportunities to launch a career in science integration. Fellows experience the inner workings of policy and management and build valuable facilitation, communication, and strategic skills while drawing on and advancing their formal academic training. They engage a diverse landscape of partners including local, state and federal agencies, NGOs representing a wide variety of interests, and an interdisciplinary array of social and natural scientists. Science Integration Fellows join a dynamic and multi-disciplinary team united by a mission to design innovative ways for science to play a constructive role in decision making.

This year OST is pleased to offer three fellowships, located in Costa Mesa, Santa Cruz, and Oakland. Salary will be commensurate with experience and is expected to be in the range of \$50,000-\$60,000. Generous benefits including medical, dental and vision insurance are included. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until each position is filled. Follow the links below for more details about each position, and instructions for submitting an application.

Linking Citizen Science and Adaptive Management (Oakland, CA)

The focus of this fellowship is on exploring and expanding the role that citizen science can play in our pursuit of OST's mission of promoting a constructive role for science in decision making. The Fellow will engage in primary research, build new relationships with citizen science programs and manage complex collaborative efforts with diverse stakeholders to deepen understanding of models of citizen science for adaptive management, and apply and test that knowledge through MPA monitoring in California. [Read more...](#)

Developing and Using Ocean Ecosystem Condition Assessments (Santa Cruz, CA)

Fellowship offered in partnership with PISCO, UC Santa Cruz

With a new statewide network of MPAs in place, California has invested significantly in establishing baseline conditions - a benchmark of ocean ecosystem health against which future changes can be measured. The Fellow will engage a diverse portfolio of agency, academic and citizen-science programs, with a focus on the North Central Coast region. S/he will identify and pursue opportunities for integrative analyses that link ecosystems and disciplines (e.g., ecological and socioeconomic data), develop collaborative approaches to identify and answer management-relevant fisheries, climate and MPA questions, and advance the use of ecosystem report cards to communicate findings. [Read more...](#)

Building bridges among the MPA and Water Quality monitoring communities (Costa Mesa, CA)

Fellowship offered in partnership with SCCWRP, Costa Mesa

Baseline monitoring of MPAs in California's South Coast region began in 2012 but water quality monitoring in the same region has continued for nearly 40 years. Both monitoring programs, each with its own set of mandates, goals and implementing framework, are conducted by a diverse suite of governmental agencies, academic institutions and citizen science groups. The Fellow will work closely with the water quality and MPA monitoring communities in southern California on the technical and institutional challenge of aligning these large-scale, complex monitoring efforts. [Read more...](#)