

Department: **Biology**

Working Title: **Marine Life Graduate Assistant**

Classification: **Graduate Assistant**

Number of Openings: **2**

Pay Rate: **\$1333/month; actual rate based on appointment**

Appointment: **10 hours per week**

Expected Dates of Employment: **8/17/2021 - 5/26/2022**

Deadline to Apply: **8/20/2021**

Requisition #: **BIO\_GA\_2122\_13**

## **DUTIES OF THE POSITION**

Reporting to the Brent Hughes (Assistant Professor – Biology Department), the Graduate Assistant will help support research activities in Hughes' research group at Sonoma State University, specifically, for our funded project through the Ocean Protection Council (Q0079 Monitoring Estuary MPAs). This project is a three-year project, and it is critical for informing the state as to how the Marine Life Protection Act is working in the state's estuaries. This project is critical to CSU's missions because it is training several graduate (or soon-to-be-graduate) students across 3 CSUs (Sonoma, Long Beach, and San Jose State). This training is also critical for developing the next generation of coastal resource managers and policy makers for the state of California. The majority of this work can be done at home, but is considered essential work for our project, as we are in the data analysis (i.e., telecommuting) portion of the project. We have about 10 field days planned in Drakes Estero and Bolinas Lagoon and several one-time trips to three estuaries in northern California where the Technician (and field partner) will follow Sonoma State's health guidelines and maintain social distancing at all times.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Knowledge of the subject matter of the discipline in which assigned. Ability to relate well to others within the academic environment; ability to supervise, assist and train students; and ability to assist faculty in the conduct of special projects or research within the discipline. For initial appointment, evidence of satisfactory achievement in previous academic work; for the subsequent appointments, evidence of satisfactory progress toward completion of degree. Education equivalent to completion of the requirements for a bachelor's degree and registration in a University graduate degree program; students enrolled in credential programs are not eligible for this position. NOTE: Exceptions to the minimum eligibility qualifications may be granted at the sole discretion of the University.

## **HIRING CRITERIA**

Candidates will be reviewed based on experience.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Please contact Brent Hughes ([hughes@sonoma.edu](mailto:hughes@sonoma.edu)) if you are interested in the position.

## **HIRING NOTIFICATION**

Candidates will be notified via email about final hiring decision.

## **SUPERVISOR**

Brent Hughes, Ph.D.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

- The classification, Graduate Assistant, is one of three classifications in a collective bargaining unit, Unit 11. The Graduate Assistant classification provides currently enrolled or admitted University graduate students the opportunity to assist faculty or teaching staff by performing various professional and technical duties associated generally with the subjects or program which the Graduate Assistant is doing graduate work.
- Sonoma State University hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All offers of employment are contingent upon presentation of documents demonstrating the appointee's identity and eligibility to work, in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act.
- The university is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, or protected veteran status.
- This position is considered a "mandated reporter" under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.
- Successful candidates may be required to do a background check (including a criminal records check) before work in the position can begin.



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