

Position Announcement

Position Title: Tribal Climate Science Liaison

Closing Date: April 16, 2018

This full-time, professional position will provide direct extension support to Tribes and Tribal colleges located in Arizona, Colorado, Nevada and California, the states comprising the service area of the Department of the Interior Southwest Climate Science Center (SW CSC), located on the campus of the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ. The position will work with the SW CSC to support Tribal governments, schools and communities interested in learning about and conducting climate resilience planning and implementation. Tribal community-based activities to be supported by the climate science liaison include outreach/engagement, education and research associated with mobilizing community response to the environmental, health, and safety impacts of climate change.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Conduct outreach to Tribal communities within the SW CSC service area to inform them of the climate science and adaptation resources available from the SW CSC and its partners, through interactions with Tribal government departments, NGOs, Tribal colleges and schools, and individuals involved in climate adaptation work;
- Provide climate adaptation planning support to Tribal governments and community climate resilience stakeholders in coordination with the SW CSC and other partners;
- Assist in or lead organization of regional gatherings of tribal representatives designed to promote knowledge sharing, collaboration, and coordination.
- Facilitate connections between Tribal communities and SW CSC and other federal programs (e.g., Landscape Conservation Cooperatives, Regional Integrated Science Assessment (RISA) programs, USDA Climate Hubs, and tribal extension programs, etc.) needed to supplement community climate adaptation planning, research and adaptive response efforts;
- Assist Tribal nations and community stakeholders in identifying local climate research needs and interpretation of locally-relevant research findings;
- Provide recommendations to Tribal nations and community stakeholders on improving climate resilience;
- Establish and maintain ongoing contact with and provide assistance upon request to Tribal resource managers and other Tribal personnel involved in climate response planning and risk management;
- Participate in the network of Tribal climate science liaisons working within the CSC system;
- Use Web software to input, update, and maintain a project site for outreach and coordination of activities with SWCSC and Tribal communities.

Position Requirements

- Bachelor's degree with at least three years of experience, in an area of science relevant to climate change and/or tribal issues, including the social sciences and public health;
- Familiarity with recent climate change research and resources within applicant's area of expertise;
- Basic understanding of American Indian traditional ecological knowledge among Southwest American Indian tribes is highly desirable;
- Ability to assist in development and evaluation of research plans, methods and outcomes;
- Strong oral and written communication skills, especially the ability to articulate relevant climate change-related issues and concepts to American Indian communities and non-scientists generally;
- Demonstrated ability to work both independently and as a collaborative team member;
- Demonstrated ability to organize, prioritize, document and manage multiple projects.

This position reports to: AIHEC Senior Associate for Strategic Initiatives and SWCSC Director.

Competitive salary (commensurate w/ experience), excellent benefits; Qualified candidate must submit cover letter, résumé, and salary history to:

Mail: American Indian Higher Education Consortium, attn: Climate Science Liaison Search
121 Oronoco Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Email: jobs@aihec.org; subject line: Climate Science Liaison Search

Fax: (703) 838-0388 – attn: Climate Science Liaison Search

