



Zooplankton Ecologist / Biological Oceanographer
University of Washington, School of Oceanography

A full-time position is available for an energetic, motivated individual to join my lab in the University of Washington's School of Oceanography in Seattle, WA. The research for this position will focus on the ecology of mesozooplankton in Puget Sound and the Washington coastal upwelling zone. Studies will involve sampling at sea on a regular basis from small and large research vessels, microscope enumeration of preserved and live zooplankton samples, database entry, and culturing and experimental measurement of vital rates and effects of ocean acidification on living zooplankton.

This position requires a flexible schedule and the ability to work evenings, weekends, and be at sea or in the field for 4+ weeks per year. Salary and benefits are competitive. Minimum salary will be \$40,000/year and will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Duties will include:

- Microscope identification of preserved zooplankton samples
- Collection of zooplankton samples from the field/at sea
- Culturing plankton and conducting multi-week laboratory experiments on zooplankton
- Assisting with data analysis, writing, and presentation of results

Minimum qualifications:

Equivalent education/experience will substitute for all minimum qualifications

- M.S. preferred (will accept B.S./B.A. with equivalent experience) in a marine science such as oceanography, zoology, fisheries.
- Experience with microscope identification of organisms
- Experience with sea-going research/sampling
- Computer experience with Windows, spreadsheets, and statistical software packages
- The ability to multitask and prioritize work among different projects
- The ability to meet deadlines
- The ability to work as a team member as well as an independent researcher
- Flexibility and availability to work a flexible schedule
- Flexibility and availability to be at sea or in the field for 4+ weeks per year
- U.S. citizenship, valid driver license, ability to obtain a passport, and ability to meet NOAA's civilian seagoing medical requirements.

Desired qualifications:

- Experience with identification and enumeration of pelagic marine zooplankton to species and developmental stage (especially copepods and other crustaceans).
- Experience culturing or carrying out experiments on living zooplankton.
- Experience with field collection of samples using a variety of plankton nets or MOCNESS (depth-stratified) collection system.
- Experience writing and publishing research results.
- Strong statistical and quantitative skills.
- Experience with databases (especially of Microsoft Access) and MatLab or other programming language.

Application Process:

Begin by sending a cover letter outlining qualifications and experience as pertain to this position, CV, names and contact information for three references, and copies of most recent college transcripts (if available) to: **Dr. Julie Keister at jkeister@u.washington.edu**

For the official application, applicants will need to apply online at: <http://www.washington.edu/admin/hr/jobs/apl/> for position #53143.

Review of applications will begin on April 6, 2009, but position will remain open until filled.