

CIRES/NOAA Western Water Assessment Professional Research Assistant

The Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES) Western Water Assessment (WWA) (<http://wwa.colorado.edu>) is seeking a full or part time Professional Research Assistant. The position is based at the NOAA Earth Systems Research Lab in Boulder, Colorado and is supported by grants from NOAA and other state and federal agencies to the WWA. Using multidisciplinary teams of experts in climate, water, law, and economics, WWA provides information about natural climate variability and human-caused climate change. This information – usually in the form of climate forecasts and regional vulnerability assessments – is designed to assist water-resource decision makers. This could be either a 100% or 50% appointment, depending on applicant.

Responsibilities

The qualified candidate will work with WWA researchers on the production of the *Intermountain West Climate Summary*, website content and maintenance, and may assist in research projects.

Tasks for 50% appointment:

- Writing for the IWCS: writing descriptions of current conditions and forecasts related to water availability in the Intermountain West Region; focus pages on climate services; feature articles summarizing current research related to climate, water resources, Colorado River, policy, etc.
- Outreach: developing content for WWA outreach activities, in particular the website. This includes research summaries and information about workshops, news, and events, and updating pages as necessary including topic areas, team member directory, and publications archive; creating posters and brochures.
- Additional tasks for a 100% appointment:
- Research assistant: Support research related activities.

Requirements

- Bachelors or Masters degree in environmental studies, water resources, atmospheric science, geography, policy, or a related field.
- Knowledge about one or more of the following areas: western water policy and law, climate variability and change, and/or scientific assessments.
- Writing skills, especially translating science for non-scientific audiences.
- Organizational skills.

The position will be filled as a Professional Research Assistant in CIRES, University of Colorado at Boulder and will be eligible for employee benefits, including pro-rated vacation and sick time per year. The review of applications will start March 28, 2008 and continue until the position is filled. No phone calls, please. Applicants should submit a letter of interest and complete resume and salary history. In addition, the applicant should furnish the names of three individuals familiar with the applicant's professional qualifications for the position to provide references.

To apply, mail, email jobs@cires.colorado.edu or fax (303.492.1149) information to:

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