

Position Announcement COASTAL ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PROGRAM SPECIALIST S.C. Sea Grant Consortium Charleston, South Carolina

The S.C. Sea Grant Consortium (Consortium) is seeking a Coastal Environmental Quality (CEQ) Program Specialist to be based in its administrative office in Charleston, South Carolina. The CEQ Program Specialist will (1) develop, coordinate, and implement a science-based and user-driven coastal environmental quality outreach program and (2) provide program leadership and management of the Consortium's S.C. Stormwater Pond Research and Management Collaborative.

The S.C. Sea Grant Consortium is a university-based state agency established in 1980 to optimize the environmental, social, and economic potential of the coastal and marine resources of the state and region through the support of high-quality research, extension, and education programming. For more information about the Consortium, visit http://www.scseagrant.org.

Major Responsibilities

The Coastal Environmental Quality (CEQ) Program Specialist will, in consultation with key stakeholders and constituencies, develop, implement, and manage the Consortium's applied environmental quality research and outreach program which includes coastal hydrological processes, coastal geomorphological processes, and coastal ecosystem health. The CEQ Program Specialist will also facilitate the S.C. Stormwater Pond Research and Management Collaborative in partnership with Consortium member institutions and other colleagues and contributors. The CEQ Program Specialist will develop and contribute research motivated by community needs with Collaborative partners, and will provide hands-on technical support and training for targeted stakeholders. Incumbent will solicit funding as needed to support projects through the development and funding of grant proposals. The CEQ Program Specialist will be an employee of the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium. Work plans for this position will be based on and consistent with the strategic plans of the S.C. Sea Grant Consortium with guidance provided by the NOAA National Sea Grant College Program, the State of South Carolina, and target stakeholder and constituent groups.

The Consortium's CEQ Program Specialist will:

- 1. Work with Consortium staff, research faculty at Consortium member institutions, and other colleagues to design and conduct interdisciplinary applied environmental quality research and extension projects to address needs and opportunities identified by a variety of S.C. coastal constituencies, including local governments, local and state agencies, businesses, community organizations, non-governmental organizations, and individuals. Provide leadership at local, regional, and national levels. Program areas will include:
 - Coastal hydrological processes;
 - Coastal geomorphological processes; and
 - Coastal ecosystem health.
- 2. Coordinate and conduct daily management activities of the S.C. Stormwater Pond Research and Management Collaborative.
 - Serve as program coordinator for and manager of the Collaborative, including oversight of research and outreach activities and development.
 - Serve as the Consortium's technical expert on stormwater ponds in partnership with other institutions and persons providing stormwater pond in-reach and outreach in South Carolina.
 - Prepare and deliver regular updates, reports, and outreach materials on the activities of the Collaborative.
 - Work with the Consortium and members of the Collaborative on the development, implementation (including funding), and management of a large-scale, multi-dimensional research, outreach, and management program focused on stormwater ponds in South Carolina and the Southeast region.
- 3. Participate in the development of grant proposals with Consortium staff and others to secure funding for user-based applied stormwater, water quality, and ecosystem health research and extension projects.

- 4. Give formal and informal presentations on the Consortium's coastal environmental quality and Stormwater Pond Collaborative activities at state, regional, and national conferences and workshops.
- 5. Extend coastal environmental quality information through print and electronic products and publications, including professional and trade publications, webinars, and social media.
- 6. Prepare performance-based information on program objectives, benchmarks, metrics, program evaluations, and other assessment reports as required by the Consortium and its program sponsors and financial supporters.

Required Qualifications

- Specialized graduate degree in a marine- or coastal-related science, engineering, geosciences, or related technical field.
- Experience in and knowledge of environmental quality and coastal ecosystem health issues and trends, especially related to water resources, stormwater quality and quantity, coastal geomorphology, and climate influences, in South Carolina and the southeastern United States.
- Minimum of three years management and execution experience in coastal environmental quality applied research and technical outreach/extension training.
- Experience in developing multi-dimensional programs and managing project teams.
- Demonstrated ability to build partnerships and communicate, collaborate, and work effectively with diverse groups of internal and external stakeholders.
- Proven record of success in securing extramural funding.
- Ability to interpret scientific research for non-technical audiences.
- High level of analytical, organizational, and planning skills.
- Ability to work independently and as a part of a team and
- Effective oral and written communication skills; fluency in computer and communications technology.

Preferred Qualifications

- Ph.D. in a marine- or coastal-related science, geosciences, or related technical field, or P.E.
- Five years management and execution experience in coastal environmental quality applied research and technical outreach/extension training.

Position Type

Regular, full-time state FTE position. Position is contingent upon continued state and federal funding and on successful performance of duties. Agency hiring range: \$48,662 to \$59,500. The finalist for this position must successfully complete an e-verify and driver's license background check.

Work Location and Hours

This position is based in Charleston, South Carolina. Normal Consortium business hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. However, work beyond regular business hours, including evenings and weekends, may be necessary in order to complete the requirements of the position. Travel throughout the state and region is necessary; a valid driver's license is required.

To Apply...

A complete application will include a letter of interest, curriculum vita, and names and addresses of three professional references in digital format to:

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This position is available immediately. Review of applications will begin on January 12, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled. No phone calls please.

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