

**Opportunity Title:** USFS Postgraduate Science Communication Fellowship

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**Organization** U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

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- An application
- Transcript(s) – For this opportunity, an unofficial transcript or copy of the student academic records printed by the applicant or by academic advisors from internal institution systems may be submitted. Click [Here](#) for detailed information about acceptable transcripts.
- A current resume/CV
- Two educational or professional recommendations. Applications need at least one recommendation submitted in order to be viewed by the mentor.

All documents must be in English or include an official English translation.

**Description** **\*Applications will be reviewed on a rolling-basis.**

**USFS Office/Lab and Location:** A research opportunity is available at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service (USFS), Pacific Northwest Research Station located in Portland, Oregon. **This research opportunity will be remote, with occasional travel opportunities to the lab location in Portland, Oregon, to attend meetings and in-person mentoring.**

At the heart of the U.S. Forest Service's mission is their purpose. Everything they do is intended to help sustain forests and grasslands for present and future generations. Why? Because their stewardship work supports nature in sustaining life. This is the purpose that drives the agency's mission and motivates their work across the agency. It's been there from the agency's very beginning, and it still drives them. To advance the mission and serve their purpose, the U.S. Forest Service balances the short and long-term needs of people and nature by: working in collaboration with communities and our partners; providing access to resources and experiences that promote economic, ecological, and social vitality; connecting people to the land and one another; and delivering world-class science, technology and land management.

The mission of the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station is to generate and communicate impartial knowledge to help people understand and make informed choices about natural resource management and sustainability.

**Research Project:** The USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station, based in Portland, Oregon, is offering a multimedia learning opportunity in science communication. The fellowship is within the Communications and Application group and will be supported and mentored by the Assistant Director for Communications and Applications and a strong research and communications team. This science communication fellow will



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be mentored in communication strategies and in the design, development, and production of multimedia science delivery products. The fellow will collaborate with scientists and communication professionals to develop products that translate and communicate science for a range of audiences using a variety of mediums. Research topics are diverse and will include climate change, ecology, fire and smoke, fisheries, recreation, urban forestry, watersheds, and wildlife.

**Learning Objectives:** This fellowship offers a unique opportunity to mentor early career scientists in science communication while building the fellow's own skills in science delivery, public relations, communications, and stakeholder engagement and outreach.

**Mentor:** The mentor for this opportunity is Kaari Carpenter ([kaari.carpenter@usda.gov](mailto:kaari.carpenter@usda.gov)). If you have questions about the nature of the research please contact the mentor.

**Anticipated Appointment Start Date:** June 13, 2022. Start date is flexible and negotiable, and will depend on a variety of factors.

**Appointment Length:** The appointment will initially be for six months, but may be extended upon recommendation of USFS and is contingent on the availability of funds.

**Level of Participation:** The appointment is full-time.

**Participant Stipend:** The participant will receive a monthly stipend commensurate with educational level and experience.

**Citizenship Requirements:** This opportunity is available to U.S. citizens only.

**ORISE Information:** This program, administered by ORAU through its contract with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to manage the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), was established through an interagency agreement between DOE and USFS. Participants do not become employees of USDA, USFS, DOE or the program administrator, and there are no employment-related benefits. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. Health insurance can be obtained through ORISE.

**Questions:** Please visit our [Program Website](#). After reading, if you have additional questions about the application process please email [USForestService@orise.orau.gov](mailto:USForestService@orise.orau.gov) and include the reference code for this opportunity.

**Qualifications** The qualified candidate should have received an master's degree or a PhD in one of the relevant fields (e.g. Natural Resource Science).

Preferred skills:

- Demonstrated experience in science communication
- Demonstrated successful science communication across multiple

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disciplines for diverse audiences

- Experience in design and development of outreach materials (e.g., briefing papers, graphic design, blog posts, social media, video production)

- Eligibility**

**Requirements**
- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
  - **Degree:** Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree.
  - **Discipline(s):**
    - **Communications and Graphics Design** ([1](#) 👁)
    - **Earth and Geosciences** ([21](#) 👁)
    - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** ([14](#) 👁)
    - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** ([3](#) 👁)