

Post-doc opportunity: Quantifying community benefits of coastal ecosystem remediation and restoration, US EPA Office of Research and Development

EPA's Mid-Continent Ecology Division (MED) in Duluth, MN is seeking a postdoctoral candidate with training in environmental economics or social, behavioral or decision-making sciences to join a team of researchers investigating how ecosystem remediation and habitat restoration affect ecosystem benefits and the implications for human well-being. This work takes place in the Great Lakes basin (e.g., watershed, coastal zone, and port and shoreline communities) at spatial scales ranging from local to regional. Regulatory and management efforts to which this work relates include Area of Concern delisting, community revitalization, and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Broader EPA interests to which this work relates include watershed stressors (e.g., nutrients, sediments), legacy and emerging chemical contaminants, and impacts of climate change including adaptation and mitigation strategies. Work the candidate might be involved with includes developing metrics of social and economic impact resulting from environmental improvements, and developing tools and indicators to help managers compare social and economic outcomes from alternative restoration actions.

The U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development has been consistently ranked among the Top 25 Places to Work for Postdoctoral Research Associates by The Scientist Magazine. The post-doc program ([http://cfpub.epa.gov/ordpd/PostDoc\\_Lab.cfm?Lab=NHEERL](http://cfpub.epa.gov/ordpd/PostDoc_Lab.cfm?Lab=NHEERL)) has excellent federal employee benefits:

- Salary range of \$47,923 to \$98,764
- Up to 3 year appointment duration
- Vacation and sick leave
- Federal health benefits, life insurance and retirement program
- Travel to professional scientific meetings
- Some positions have an active post-doctoral trainee organization onsite

Geographical location of position: Duluth, MN

Educational requirements: Ph.D in the social sciences, such as environmental economics, geography, anthropology, sociology or a related discipline

Projected duration of appointment: 3 years

Paid relocation to EPA work location: Yes

Application Period Open Date: Oct 01, 2014

Application Period Close Date: Oct 31, 2014

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