

Research Specialist – Center for Environmental Biology

The Center for Environmental Biology (CEB) in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California, Irvine is seeking a highly motivated candidate for a full-time position focused on ecological research in southern California landscapes. This is a one-year appointment with potential extension pending successful performance. The specialist will be provide support for a number of research and monitoring projects, including assessments of the success of ecological restoration, evaluation of the dynamics of ecosystem structure and function under different management approaches, experimentation on the resource-use patterns of dominant plant species, and the installation / maintenance of significant environmental instrumentation supporting a diverse research and management community. These projects are associated with the activities of the Center for Environmental Biology (CEB; bio.ceb.uci.edu) and the Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center (SBABDRC; nrs.ucop.edu/reserves/anza-borrego/anza-borrego.htm) in partnership with local and regional land managers and conservation non-profits. This position is based at the UC Irvine main campus and will have duties that require travel throughout the open space of southern California – from local sites in Orange County to UCI's field station in Borrego Springs. We seek an individual with skills in plant ecology (vegetation sampling, plant identification), ecophysiology (plant gas exchange, plant water relations), ecohydrology (soil moisture monitoring), and micrometeorology (remote weather stations). The ability to program and maintain an environmental monitoring system is critical and database maintenance skills / geographic information system expertise is desirable. Motivated individuals with a B.S. or M.S. in a relevant field are encouraged to inquire and apply. The position is available immediately and we will review applicants until the position is filled. To apply, please submit electronically a brief letter of introduction, resume/CV, and contact information for 3 referees to Travis Huxman (thuxman@uci.edu).

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