Job Description

Job Title:  PMNM Research Specialist
Job ID:  28618
Project Name:  National Ocean Service
Full/Part Time:  Full-Time
Regular/Temporary:  Regular

MINIMUM MONTHLY SALARY:  Salary commensurate with qualifications.

DUTIES:  Develops, facilitates, conducts, coordinates, evaluates and leads implementation of characterization, monitoring, and research projects and activities designed to meet the management needs of the Monument and co-trustee agencies. Provides technical advice in support of resource management, policy, and scientific issues. Reports on the Monument’s progress toward meeting system-wide performance measures.

PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS:  EDUCATION:  Master's Degree from an accredited college or university in the biological sciences, or other related field.  EXPERIENCE:  Three to five (3-5) years of planning and executing marine field research experience including planning, logistics, and personnel management. Experience with field data collection involving scientific diving. Experience drafting and evaluating permit applications, grant proposals, research publications, or other research-related documents. Experience maintaining and operating small boats. Four to six (4-6) years of experience as a scientific or working diver. Experience developing and executing research, monitoring, and grant budgets. Experience in applying for and receiving competitively awarded grants. Peer-reviewed publication in the sciences. Experience leading remote field operations logistics and planning. ABIL/KNOW/SKILLS:  Knowledge of effective management strategies to help motivate staff and produce high quality work products. Knowledge of ONMS AOPs. Knowledge of, and skill in, maintaining and accurately tracking fiscal records. Knowledge of coral reef research initiatives and marine resource protection principles. Knowledge of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands co-trustee Monument management structure. Knowledge of the statutes and laws relevant to field operations conducted in the Monument. Ability to identify effective work strategies while meeting programmatic and staff needs. Ability to develop and maintain partnerships, and serve as a liaison between the Monument and other NOAA agencies, the public, partner agencies, and constituent groups. Skill in developing and delivering presentations to a variety of audiences regarding science-related activities of the Monument. Skill in developing policy related to research, monitoring and resource protection, including permit considerations and NEPA application. Ability to conduct field work in the marine environment under challenging conditions. Ability to effectively lead teams of researchers in the field. Ability to plan and coordinate multi-agency field logistical needs on multiple spatial and temporal scales. Ability to oversee research projects from conception to publication. Ability to critically evaluate scientific documents, proposals, and manuscripts. Ability to concisely convey complex concepts in
written and oral presentations. Must be SCUBA certified (basic and Nitrox) and hold current certifications in CPR, First Aid, and Emergency Oxygen Administration. Must possess valid driver’s license. Must meet the standards established by the program’s diver certification process (which meets the standards set by the American Academy of Underwater Science). PHYSICAL/MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS: Must be able to participate in extended field work including, but not limited to live-aboard research and educational vessels, field camps etc. Lift up to fifty (50) pounds to assist the transporting of equipment and gear. Must be able to obtain medical clearance to work on NOAA research vessels or other appropriate vessels and for NOAA diving requirement.

SECONDARY QUALIFICATIONS: Graduate-level coursework with emphasis on the marine environment. Experience with data collection, entry, and analysis. Experience drafting or reviewing research permit applications. Familiarity with specimen collection, processing, and curation. Training in emergency response and/or impact mitigation, advanced dive training, technical dive training (e.g., NOAA working diver, trimix, decompression diving, technical Nitrox), experience acting as dive master. Completed small boat training; including either NOAA basic, NOAA advanced, or MOCC. Experience with remote field camps, including protected species or marine debris field activities. Experience mobilizing research cruises, including tracking personnel and paperwork, purchasing and organizing field gear, and coordinating with the research vessel.

INQUIRIES: Moani Pai 397-2660 (Oahu).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: The preferred method of applying for a job is through our on-line application process. Please go to www.rcuh.com, click on "Employment" and navigate to "Job Announcements/Apply for a Job." However, if you do not have access to the Internet, you may apply by submitting resume; cover letter including Recruitment ID#, referral source, narrative of your qualifications for position and salary history; names, phone numbers and addresses of three supervisory references and copy of degree(s)/transcripts/certificate(s) to qualify for position by fax (808) 956-5022 or mail to Director of Human Resources, Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii, 2530 Dole Street, Sakamaki Hall D-100, Honolulu, HI 96822 before the closing date. If you have questions on the application process and/or need assistance, please call (808)956-3100. EEO/AA Employer.

Please apply before: 11/12/2008