

Postdoctoral Fellow in Applied Field Conservation Education

The San Diego Zoo Global Institute for Conservation Research seeks a Postdoctoral Fellow (with funding for three years with the potential of extending for an additional two years; five years total) in Conservation Education, who is interested in research regarding the human dimension in conservation project implementation. The position will focus on quantifying and characterizing the ways that conservation education and community participation may facilitate successful conservation projects. Activities will include determining the roles that local involvement, informal conservation education, human-wildlife conflict resolution, alternative livelihoods, cultural and linguistic sensitivity, and economic valuation may play in enabling long-term sustainability of conservation projects. Field work location will likely occur at multiple study sites in Latin America and/or Hawaii.

The successful candidate will have a PhD in a related field and must be fluent in English and Spanish. Competency in other languages would be valuable. Candidates should have a rigorous conservation social science background, extensive experience with in-situ conservation education projects, ability to collaborate and work with others across disciplines and cultures, knowledge and experience in community-based conservation, a strong commitment to applied conservation research, and the ability to work in challenging field conditions. Additionally, personnel-management, organization, data analysis, and communications skills are highly desirable. Starting date: November 2011 (preferred). Although funding is available for three to five years, the Fellow is expected to write additional grants for support of project-related expenses.

To apply: Send a letter describing your interests and relevant experiences; CV; three letters of recommendation (emailed separately); and three relevant publications to:

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Electronic applications (PDF/Word documents) are preferred: email to: jdanoftburg@sandiegozoo.org. Please visit <http://www.sandiegozoo.org/conservation/> for more information about San Diego Zoo Global's Institute for Conservation Research.

Application deadline: 1 October 2011.