

**Science Communications Fellowship**  
***National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (NCEAS)***

**APPLICATIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 at 11:59PM PST**

The NCEAS Science Communications Fellowship is an opportunity to gain hands-on experience making scientific research more accessible and influential in addressing environmental challenges.

Fellows will support **the National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis (NCEAS)**, an independent research center of the UC Santa Barbara. Our mission is to accelerate scientific discoveries that will enhance our understanding of the world and benefit people and nature, as well as to transform the scientific culture to be more open, efficient, and collaborative. Learn more at [www.nceas.ucsb.edu](http://www.nceas.ucsb.edu).

Through the fellowship, you can build professional skills and a portfolio while communicating research in ecology and the environmental sciences to scientific and non-technical audiences. You'll support a team of science communicators from NCEAS and two of its flagship initiatives, the [U.S. Long Term Ecological Research \(LTER\) Network Office](#) and the [Science for Nature and People Partnership](#).

This paid opportunity is open to all currently enrolled UCSB graduate students, with a preference for those enrolled in the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management, especially the Strategic Environmental Communications focus.

**Through the fellowship, you will:**

- Gain practical experience in communicating science and engaging scientific communities, primarily through storytelling and web-based platforms (e.g. program websites), to a variety of audiences, especially nontechnical audiences;
- Build a base of skills in multiple communications techniques, such as journalistic writing, web writing, digital storytelling, and graphic design and communications;
- Create original communications products;
- Have the opportunity to lead your own substantial communications project;
- Receive mentorship from science communication professionals.

**Responsibilities**

Tasks could include, but are not limited to the following:

- Write articles for websites/newsletters
- Lead at least one significant, self-designed communications project
- Update and create website content
- Assist with content needs and documentation for a website redesign
- Create outreach materials, such as brochures and flyers
- Create digital media products, such as infographics and Story Maps
- Coordinate webinars, video conferences, and other education and outreach activities
- Support efforts to track NCEAS' impact

### **Desired Qualifications**

- Passion for communications and environmental science
- The ambition to pursue a career that would benefit from training in science and environmental communications
- Excellent writing skills, especially an ability to write in an engaging and accessible style. Experience or training in writing for nontechnical audiences and/or journalism is highly desirable.
- Creative, proactive, and team-oriented
- Strong organizational skills, attention to detail, and an ability to meet deadlines
- Knowledge of, or confidence to learn, digital communications tools as needed for specific projects, including web editing in Drupal and/or WordPress, basic HTML, graphic design (especially Adobe Creative Suite), data visualization, and video editing.

### **Time Commitment**

This is a year-long fellowship that begins with the Fall 2019 quarter and ends in September 2020. We expect fellows to commit to the entire year. If not graduating in 2020, there could be the option to continue, with a preference for another one-year commitment.

During the school year (September through June), fellows must work 10 hours per week. During the summer, the fellowship will be full time (40 hours/week).

NCEAS is located on State Street in downtown Santa Barbara. We will expect fellows to work most of their hours in our office. However, there will be some flexibility for remote working, especially during the school year, to be discussed if hired.

**Compensation:** \$16/hour

### **To Apply**

Please email your resume, a letter of interest, and a relevant writing sample of no more than two pages to Jenny Seifert at [seifert@nceas.ucsb.edu](mailto:seifert@nceas.ucsb.edu) by **September 8th, 2019 at 11:59PM PST**. Please put "Science Communication Fellowship" in the subject line. If you would like to (optionally) highlight additional previous web-based communications work you have created, please include the links in your resume.