



OCEAN VISIONS

Advancing Solutions for Ocean-Climate Restoration

Program Officer: Ocean Visions - UN Decade Collaborative Center for Ocean-Climate Solutions & Global Ecosystem for Ocean Solutions Program

Job Description

ABOUT OCEAN VISIONS, THE OV-UN DCC AND GEOS

Ocean Visions is a science and innovation organization whose mission is to identify, develop, demonstrate, and ultimately deploy equitable, durable, and scalable solutions to the ocean's most pressing environmental challenges. The Ocean Visions [Network](#) brings together some of North America's leading oceanographic and research institutions with a diverse set of private sector actors - all with a shared interest in developing and deploying real ocean solutions.

Ocean Visions, in partnership with Georgia Aquarium and Georgia Tech, is contributing to the UN Decade of Ocean Sciences for Sustainable Development to promote and advance transformative ocean solutions to address the ocean-climate crisis and facilitate sustainable development through innovation, testing, collaboration and other methods to slow and ultimately reverse dangerous changes that threaten people and nature.

This contribution is materialized through two connected international initiatives, the **Ocean Visions - UN Decade Collaborative Center for Ocean-Climate Solutions (OV-UN DCC)** and the **Global Ecosystem for Ocean Solutions (GEOS)**. The focal areas for both the OV-UN DCC and GEOS include advancing ocean-based solutions to ameliorating climate change, building equitable solutions for the climate resiliency of critical marine ecosystems and coastal communities, regeneration of ecosystems and biodiversity to counter the impacts of climate change, and building ocean-based food security in the face of climate impacts.

The OV-UN DCC engages with an international set of stakeholders and institutions to further build international understanding and agreement around the suite of new solutions that need to be developed, tested, and ultimately deployed widely to arrest and reverse the ocean-climate crisis. The OV-UN DCC will function as a global think tank and policy center, convening

and supporting key experts, sectors, and interests to better design and advance ocean-climate innovation agendas globally.

In close connection and partnership with the OV-UN DCC, GEOS builds and strengthens international operational networks and innovation ecosystems to connect the disciplines and sectors necessary to generate new science and engineering, address technical capacity and opportunity gaps, develop and test innovations and solutions, and create the conditions needed to deploy viable ones.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Program Officer (PO) is responsible for supporting and coordinating all aspects of the OV-UN DCC and GEOS. This includes organizing and/or helping to facilitate various functions and initiatives, assisting the creation of new expert groups (e.g. communities of practice, task forces, working groups, etc.), organizing webinars, workshops, fundraising and generally helping to advance the co-design, testing, and ultimately deployment of ocean-based solutions to critical climate challenges.

The PO will be a staff member of Ocean Visions and report directly to the Director of the OV-UN DCC with oversight and management via the Director of the GEOS Program. The PO will work very closely with the OV-UN DCC, which is a new UN Decade Collaborative Center established under the UN Decade of Ocean Sciences and managed as a joint venture between Ocean Visions, Georgia Tech, and the Georgia Aquarium. The PO will act as a liaison for GEOS to the OV- UN DCC.

The preference is for this position to be based in Atlanta in the OV-UN DCC office at the Georgia Aquarium. (Option for remote work 1-2 days a week)

Authorization to work in the US is a requirement.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

The ideal candidate will bring strong coordination, convening and project management experience, excellent communications, outreach and collaboration skills, and knowledge of ocean and climate issues.

Specifically, we anticipate that the PO will:

- Work closely with the OV-UN DCC and GEOS Directors to define and advance programmatic initiatives across both decade actions. Including but not limited to, establishing new and advancing existing working groups, webinars in country hubs, task force, etc.
- Lead and manage the development of the Ocean-Climate Innovations and Solutions Community of Practice via the Global Ocean Decade Forum (www.oceandecade.org).
- Collaborate with OV UN-DCC aligned Decade programs to support the development of co-design processes to test, deploy and deliver scalable and equitable ocean climate innovations and solutions.
- Provide high-level communications support to aligned decade actions. Including but not limited to, social media support, facilitating press inquiries, coordinating the drafting and preparation of diverse products for publication, etc.
- Maintain database to track calls for action under the UN Decade that may be relevant to the OV-UN DCC or GEOS.
- Coordinate recurring meetings with the OV-UN DCC Program Committee and advisory boards.
- Organize and coordinate all aspects of conferences webinars and workshops nationally and internationally.
- Prepare and track annual monitoring and evaluation frameworks for the OV-UN DCC and GEOS.

REQUIRED SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

- Excellent coordination, convening and project management skills
- Proven abilities in support functions
- Ability to collaborate effectively with diverse disciplines, cultures and sectors
- Ability to function with independence and as part of a high-performing team
- Ability to quickly become proficient in new issue areas
- Exceptional cultural competency and interpersonal communication skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in English, competency in additional languages is highly appreciated

PREFERRED SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS/ EXPERIENCE

- International and intercultural experience
- Knowledge of ocean-climate science, policy, and/or innovation

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Applicants must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in environmental, social, geo-sciences, or related degree and at least 5 years of relevant experience.

COMPENSATION

The salary range for this position is \$65,000-\$85,000 dollars, commensurate with the candidate's specific skills, years of experience, location, and unique background. Ocean Visions offers a competitive benefits program including health, dental, vision, generous PTO, 403(b) plan and more.

TO APPLY

Please complete your application by clicking [here](#). Please combine cover letter and resume in single file upload. If you have any issues accessing the application form please email info@oceanvisions.org with "**DCC/GEOS Program Officer Application**" in the subject line. Candidate review will begin on March 27, 2023 and the application process will remain open until the position is filled.

COVID-19 REQUIREMENT

Offers of employment are contingent upon proof of full vaccination status, or agreement to submit to regular masking and testing, in order to attend meetings and offices. Accommodations may be requested for medical or religious reasons.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Ocean Visions is an equal opportunity employer and will not discriminate against any employee or applicant on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, age, sex, handicap, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, or veteran status. Ocean Visions is continually seeking to diversify its staff, particularly to broaden opportunities for individuals from demographic groups that are historically underrepresented in the sciences and in environmental advocacy.