

Research Associate (Community Engagement Specialist)

Office of Research and Economic Development
Louisiana State University

This position will provide support for Inland from the Coast, a three-year research grant. This appointment will work directly with research faculty, graduate assistants, and community members on this project, as well as conduct research and organize community engagement activities (such as community charrettes) on behalf of the studio on elements of the grant. Serves as secondary project manager.

Job Responsibilities:

MEETINGS: This position will organize and lead community meetings, setting the agendas, facilitating discussions, and capturing output from meetings, as well as next actions / steps. Meetings with GAs are weekly. Meetings with other grant team members are biweekly. Community engagement meetings are conducted as needed. (40%)

RESEARCH: Gather/disseminate local knowledge about landscape functionality; conduct qualitative/quantitative data collection/analysis; research and evaluate past events to support adaptation responses, strategies, & best practices; integrate adaptation design methods, best practices, and policy tools to increase resilience; contribute to the development of neighborhood-scale frameworks to improve safety and increase local adaptive capacity. Report on community engagement progress, next steps, and best practices recommendations. (40%)

DESIGN: Provides data and important insight to Visualization Specialist to assist in the design process, from information that has been collected and synthesized from members of the community (15%)

Provide organizational support as needed, in support of overarching support for the Inland from the Coast grant. (5%)

Required Qualifications:

Ph.D. in Community Planning, Urban Design or a related discipline (ex: Political Science, Sociology, Social Work, Psychology, or Geography / Anthropology) and three (3) years of experience, including academic experience, and one (1) year of hands-on community engagement experience.

Preferred Qualifications:

Five (5) years of experience, including one (1) at the professional level; Strong oral and written communication skills; demonstrable talent for engaging members of a community and facilitating and capturing valuable input; demonstrable skills in project management and comprehensive research. Work as part of a team, so as to contribute to the intellectual environment of the LSU Coastal Sustainability Studio. PMP certification is a plus.

Additional Position Information:

Background Check - An offer of employment is contingent on a satisfactory pre-employment background check.

Benefits - LSU offers outstanding benefits to eligible employees and their dependents including health, life, dental, and vision insurance; flexible spending accounts; retirement options; annual and sick leave; 14 paid holidays; wellness benefits; tuition exemption; training and development opportunities; employee discounts and more!

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