

OPPORTUNITY: PhD Student, Postdoctoral Scholar, or Postgraduate Research Assistant

Transdisciplinary research to support stock assessments

We are seeking a PhD student, postdoctoral scholar, or postgraduate research assistant to conduct scientific research that will support stock assessments for groundfishes along the US West Coast. The successful candidate will join the [Integrated Marine Fisheries Lab](#) at [Oregon State University](#) and work closely with stock assessment scientists at [NOAA's Northwest Fisheries Science Center](#).

Research Directions: Contemporary fisheries stock assessments integrate diverse data sources and advanced statistical modeling to characterize population dynamics and quantify scientific uncertainty for use in decision-making. This position will involve gathering fishery-dependent and fishery-independent data, analyzing complex information, and translating scientific results into management-relevant products. An important aspect of the work will be collaborating with fishery stakeholders to create a shared understanding of federally-managed species. The incumbent will contribute to ongoing research related to spatial ecology, ecological drivers of productivity, and emerging statistical methods in fisheries science. There will also be opportunities to identify novel research questions to help meet marine resource management objectives.

Qualifications: A master's degree (or non-US equivalent) in marine or fisheries science, ecology, statistics, or related field. The successful candidate will have strong analytical skills, demonstrable experience with writing scientific papers or technical reports, and a history of working with fishing industries and/or resource managers. Experience with field-based data collection onboard fishing vessels is preferred. Must be authorized to work in the United States are required.

Start Date: January 2027 (may be flexible)

Location: [Hatfield Marine Science Center](#) (Newport, OR)

Salary/Benefits: This opportunity provides an initial 2 yr of support (PhD student: 31K per yr + tuition; postdoctoral scholar: 69 to 76K per yr; postgraduate research assistant: 58 to 76K per yr), commensurate with experience. Healthcare benefits, work-related travel, and applicable research costs will also be provided. Additional funding for continued work may be secured through grants, scholarships, fellowships, and/or teaching assistantships.

To Apply: Email one pdf to cheryl.barnes@oregonstate.edu (subject: CoopRes Position) with:

- 1) a cover letter that describes your interest in the position and relevant experience,
- 2) curriculum vitae or resume,
- 3) unofficial transcripts (undergraduate and graduate), and
- 4) contact information for three references.

Application review will begin on 2 November 2026. The position will remain open until filled.

The IMF Lab places considerable value on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Those with underrepresented and/or historically marginalized identities are encouraged to apply.



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