

## **Employment Opportunity: Social Science Research Assistant**

Location: Fort Collins, Colorado

Compensation: \$23 to \$35 per hour depending on level of education

The [Social and Economic Analysis Branch](#) of the U.S. Geological Survey in Fort Collins, CO, is excited to announce an employment opportunity for a research assistant that will provide support for the project titled *Users, Uses, and Value of Landsat Imagery*. The [Users, Uses, and Value of Landsat Imagery](#) project involves communicating the scientific and societal value of the U.S. government's [Landsat](#) program. The main focus for this position will be continuing and expanding work on case studies of Landsat applications. Key tasks include: identifying, obtaining, reviewing and synthesizing interdisciplinary literature from a range of social science fields; collecting information on Landsat imagery applications; and producing written summaries of these literature reviews and imagery applications. Additional duties may include analyzing qualitative and quantitative data, interpreting results, and contributing to peer-reviewed publications or other means of disseminating results.

The research assistant must have:

- At least a bachelor's degree in a social science, environmental science, or related field.
- Experience conducting social science research.
- Demonstrated ability to conduct interdisciplinary literature reviews.
- Excellent writing ability.

Our preferred candidate will have:

- A relevant master's degree in a social science, environmental science, or related field.
- Experience with social science, environmental communication, remote sensing and / or interdisciplinary research.
- Experience with any of the following: qualitative / quantitative social science research methods, interview studies, document analysis, network analysis, NVIVO software, SPSS / R Statistics.

This position is a USGS Student Services contract position. This means:

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
- Applicants must either be currently enrolled as a student or have graduated within the past year.
- For all legal purposes, the student is regarded as an independent contractor. Payments for services are reportable and taxable as earned income. No Federal, State, or Local income taxes will be deducted. No Social Security or Medicare taxes will be deducted. Student is responsible for payment of all taxes. The U.S. Geological Survey will report the total amount paid under this order to the Internal Revenue Service on a Standard Form 1099. The student is not considered an employee and will not receive a W-2 form.

This is a full-time position and begins on or around August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (start date negotiable). Employee will be physically located in Fort Collins, Colorado. Currently, one year of funding is available for this position.

### **Contact Information:**

For questions related directly to the job, contact Crista Straub, Social Scientist, at [cstraub@usgs.gov](mailto:cstraub@usgs.gov).

### **To Apply:**

Please submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, transcripts (unofficial), and a technical writing sample to [cstraub@usgs.gov](mailto:cstraub@usgs.gov) by 11:59 PM (Mountain Time) June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.