**Science Communicator**

**Please see Special Instructions for more details.**

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**Position Details**

**Position Information**

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| **Department** | Earth, Ocean & Atmo Sci (OAS) |
| **Position Title** | Specialist 2-Res Comm |
| **Job Title** | Science Communicator |
| **Appointment Type** | Administrative/Professional Faculty |
| **Job Location** | Corvallis |
| **Position Appointment Percent** | 100 |
| **Appointment Basis** | 12 |
| **Faculty Status** | Regular |
| **Tenure Status** | Fixed-Term |
| **Pay Method** | Salary |
| **Recommended Full-Time Salary Range** | $47,820-$81,372 |
| **Position Summary** | The College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences (CEOAS) invites applications for a full-time (1.00 FTE), 12-month, fixed term Science Communicator position. Reappointment is at the discretion of the Dean.  The Science Communicator for the College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences supports the college’s research enterprise by writing and editing complex concepts within the earth system sciences and showcasing key strengths. This position is the college’s primary communicator to reach and engage diverse audiences through a variety of storytelling strategies‐whether video, social media, or traditional print.  The Science Communicator creates content for a variety of outlets, including alumni magazines, newsletters, informational handouts, website feature stories, social media, and strategic documents. This individual assists in developing copy for event collateral, science outreach activities, broader impacts initiatives, and other engagement content; works with videographer, designer, web developer, and other internal communications with staff to storyboard and develop integrated and compelling stories; and reviews scientific publishing (e.g., journal articles, reports, scientific posters) as well as outreach materials in support of communicating the significance and impact of our research.  The Science Communicator develops relationships with researchers to identify and investigate story leads, collaborates with faculty and conducts interviews to understand the interviewees’ areas of expertise and the societal impact of their research, and tells clear and interesting stories. This person collaborates with communication peers and the Office of News and Research Communications for media potential and broader dissemination. Successful candidate will work strategically with diverse colleagues, students, and community members.  This position stays abreast of publishing/communications trends, monitors scholarly output, and keeps in touch with the faculty research by reading scholarly papers, attending seminars and lectures. This position is especially encouraged to investigate new and emerging storytelling techniques such as interactive graphics, video shorts and other digital platforms. There will also be opportunities to explore, develop and build skills in new communication strategies.  The College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences is an internationally recognized leader in the study of the Earth as an integrated system. It operates numerous state-of-the-art laboratories and three oceanographic research vessels, the 177-foot ocean-going Oceanus, the 84-foot coastal research vessel Pacific Storm, and the 54-foot coastal research vessel Elakha. The College has an annual budget of more than $50 million, with support coming from the National Science Foundation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Aeronautics and Space Administration and other federal agencies. It has more than 100 faculty, 200 graduate students and 600 undergraduate students. Graduate programs include M.S and Ph.D. degrees in ocean, earth and atmospheric sciences; geology; and geography and a master’s degree in marine resource management. The college has undergraduate programs in earth sciences and environmental sciences, with several minors and certificate programs. |
| **Position Duties** | 70% ‐ Communication Development and Implementation: In collaboration with the Research Publishing and Outreach team, plans, researches, develops, and delivers written content in a deadline‐driven environment for outlets including an electronic newsletter, print alumni magazine, college’s website, brochures, videos, animations and other storytelling pieces.  Collaborates with and interviews faculty, students, and alumni to develop and produce compelling stories about their work/success.  Stays up‐to‐date with research and science‐related news.  Researches emerging trends in storytelling to improve impact and delivery.  10% ‐ Editing: Directly supports individual faculty in scientific publishing by editing journal articles, graphics, video production, scientific conference posters and presentations, technical reports, lab/group/publications, and other research outreach.  Maintains a current knowledge of the scientific publishing environment and evolves publication services to match changes in that environment.  15% ‐ Media Management: Uses social media and other web‐based tools to promote online content and amplify news coverage to key audiences.  Contributes content to the college’s website.  Uses social media networks to promote written and multi‐media content.  Works with web developer to ensure web content is up to date. Provides editorial review of website.  5% ‐ Professional Development and Other Duties: Participates in professional development and performs other duties as assigned. |
| **Minimum/Required Qualifications** | Bachelor’s degree in journalism, communications, science writing, or other related field.  Demonstrated ability to comprehend scientific information and complex ideas and turn them into clear and compelling stories that are appropriate for the target audience for the purpose of advancing the organization.  Demonstrated ability to edit scholarly writing for clarity and consistency.  Demonstrated science storytelling ability with the know‐how to compose a narrative about discovery and write memorable stories that captivate and inspire the target audience.  Demonstrated written and verbal communication skills, including copy writing and editing of articles and stories.  Knowledge is assumed of a broad range of journalistic tools, Associated Press (AP) style, the Scientific Style and Format Council of Science Editors (CSE) manual and the professional guidelines of journalism and public relations. |
| **Preferred (Special) Qualifications** | Master’s degree in journalism, communications, or science‐related field.  Experience working in a complex, dispersed organization, especially higher education institutions.  Demonstrated success in cultivating relationships and collaborating with academic faculty.  Demonstrable commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity.  Familiarity with earth system sciences, including oceanography, geography, solid earth, atmospheric sciences, freshwater systems, and the human dimensions of these fields. |
| **Working Conditions / Work Schedule** |  |
| **This position requires a clear and unambiguous commitment to compliance of all National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regulations for Division I (FBS) universities.** | No |

**Posting Detail Information**

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| **Posting Number** | P00909UF |
| **Number of Vacancies** | 1 |
| **Anticipated Appointment Begin Date** | 02/20/2017 |
| **Anticipated Appointment End Date** |  |
| **Posting Date** | 12/16/2016 |
| **Full Consideration Date** |  |
| **Closing Date** | 02/08/2017 |
| **Indicate how you intend to recruit for this search** | Competitive / External - open to ALL qualified applicants |
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**Supplemental Questions**

Required fields are indicated with an asterisk (\*).

**Documents Needed to Apply**

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1. Resume
2. Cover Letter
3. Other Document 1 (see Special Instructions)

**Optional Documents**