

Funded Graduate Research Assistantship M.S. or Ph.D. in the departments of Writing & Rhetoric and Natural Resources Science

Using Locative Media and Place-Based Methods for Community-Engaged Science Communication and Environmental Advocacy

Position Description: In conjunction with the University of Rhode Island (URI) departments of Writing & Rhetoric (WRT) and Natural Resources Science (NRS) Dr. Madison Jones seeks a graduate research assistant to support a new project investigating how emerging technologies can be used for community-engaged science communication and environmental advocacy. The research assistant will work directly with Dr. Jones as part of the [DWELL Lab](#) to design, develop, and document a multimodal research project using locative media for public engagement using methods informed by place-based writing theories and rhetorical field methods. Excellent analytical, written, and verbal communication skills are required. Experience working with digital and visual media, especially AR/VR development technologies (such as Unity or Vuforia), as well as experience in science communication and/or community-engaged advocacy are preferred but not required.

Interested students should apply to the [Masters of Environmental Science and Management](#) (M.E.S.M.) program. Applicants to the M.S. and Ph.D. in [Biological and Environmental Sciences](#) (BES) may also be considered. Full-time, 20-hour-per-week assistantships provide a stipend, health insurance, tuition remission (up to 12 credit hours/semester) and a waiver of 20 percent of student fees. Funding is available for one year, with the opportunity to extend for a second year contingent on performance and academic progress.

To be considered, please apply for Fall 2021 admission through the URI GradCAS system at <http://gradcas.liaisoncas.org/apply/>. Interested applicants should contact Dr. Jones in advance at <mailto:madisonjones@uri.edu> with a CV and a brief statement (1-2 paragraphs) describing relevant coursework, other related experience, and why you are interested in working in the lab. Deadline for consideration is Jan. 15, 2020.

For more information, please contact Dr. Madison Jones at madisonjones@uri.edu and visit <http://madisonpjones.com/>.