**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Graduate Student Researcher**

**Othering & Belonging Institute, UC Berkeley**

**Position Title:** Climate Justice Research Assistant

**Duration:** Spring 2022 semester, with possibility of extension

**Expected Hours:** 20% FTE, 8 hours per week (no fee remission)

**Compensation Range:** Dependent on Year

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The **Othering & Belonging Institute** is a hub of researchers and community networks who are generating work centered on realizing a world where all people belong, where belonging entails being respected at a level that includes the right to both contribute and make demands upon society and political and cultural institutions.

The Institute is expanding its ongoing [climate justice work](https://belonging.berkeley.edu/climate-justice) and seeks a Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) for Spring 2022 to support landscape research, internal planning, and partnership development.

**Brief Description of Role**

The GSR will be part of a team working to advance climate justice and just transition alongside OBI program teams and our community of partners. Our team answers the call from partners and the broader movement to break down silos and work more collaboratively given the urgency of our crisis. This effort is rooted in the understanding that the future that we and our partners seek to create – a world where we all belong – requires a transition from our extractive systems to regenerative systems. The GSR will engage across OBI’s existing body of climate justice work, such as our work on climate refugees, on housing justice, and on community power-building, and support the development of new, complementary work.

The scope of the GSR’s work will evolve based on project needs. An early focus of the work will be 1) research on gaps, opportunities, and inequities in the climate justice movement, 2) internal prioritization and planning processes, and 3) partnership development.

**Responsibilities**

* Conduct landscape research on key players, funding and financing streams, political barriers and openings, existing narratives, and other areas to clarify OBI’s role in the climate justice movement and to clarify areas for reimagination and stronger collaboration with partners.
* Build and strengthen partnerships with UC Berkeley staff and faculty, grassroots climate justice organizations, state and local government, and other strategic partners via interviews, convenings, and co-working.
* Work collaboratively to develop OBI’s strategy on climate justice alongside Institute staff, Institute leadership, and core partners.
* Create written reports, memos, presentation slides, and other materials to communicate research and recommendations to internal and external audiences.
* Support development of concept notes, funding proposals, and other external-facing products to mobilize resources.
* Participate in project meetings, provide logistical and administrative support including scheduling, note taking, and email correspondence.

**Qualifications**

Required skills:

* Excellent writing skills and ability to develop communications for policy and popular audiences.
* Solid communication and interpersonal skills to communicate effectively with all levels of staff and external partners.
* Ability to design and carry out relevant research methodologies such as literature reviews and semi-structured interview protocols.
* Solid organization skills to maintain files, plan meetings, and coordinate tasks.
* Ability to work across disciplines of policy, arts & culture, narrative strategy, and systems research.
* Familiarity with the Institute’s conceptual frameworks, including othering and belonging, structural marginalization, and bridging.

Desired skills:

* Experience applying climate justice or just transition to your areas of expertise.
* Strong facilitation skills and ability to design and facilitate interactive workshops and planning sessions.
* Strong cultural competence with marginalized communities most affected by the climate crisis domestically and globally.

**To Apply**

Please email your resume, a one page statement of interest, and a sample of related work (no more than five pages) to Emnet Almedom at [emnet.almedom@berkeley.edu](mailto:emnet.almedom@berkeley.edu) with the subject line “Climate Justice GSR.”

**Accepting applications until filled.**