**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Graduate Student Researcher**

**Othering & Belonging Institute, UC Berkeley**

**Position Title:** Research Assistant

**Duration:** Spring 2022

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

**Compensation Range:** Dependent on Year

The [Othering & Belonging Institute](https://belonging.berkeley.edu/) 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 Othering & Belonging Institute's [Global Justice Program](https://belonging.berkeley.edu/global-justice) (GJP) focuses on cross-sectoral themes that connect the local to the global and vice versa by examining structural marginality and promoting global inclusivity while considering local complexities and knowledge productions. To achieve our goals, we ground our work in the fundamental inquiry of successfully building inclusive, democratic, and citizenry-based societies. The program extends, develops, and applies the Institute's frameworks of Othering & Belonging and Targeted Universalism in local and global contexts.

**Brief Description of Role**

As a part of the GJP's larger body of work that exposes the impacts of the climate crisis, the GSR will be part of the GJP team working to advance climate justice in a global context via two research projects, climate refugees and Africa's just transition. These research projects are rooted in the understanding that the future that our communities and we seek to create – a world where we all belong – requires a transition from our extractive systems to regenerative systems.

The scope of the GSR's work will focus on two projects' needs 1) research and writing of short case studies on climate refugees, 2) developing a research memo on African countries' just transition framework and climate resilience strategies. Additionally, the GSR may offer the opportunity to engage with others across the Institute's existing body of work related to climate justice and support the development of new, complementary work.

**Responsibilities**

* Conduct research and write several short case studies on climate refugees.
* Conduct landscape research on critical Africa's environmental movements and their vision for a just transition.
* Identify African climate justice social movement organizations to build and strengthen partnerships for future collaboration.
* Work collaboratively to develop GJP's strategy on African countries' just transition framework alongside the GJP team.
* 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 research and writing skills and ability to develop communications for policy and popular audiences.
* Solid communication and interpersonal skills to communicate effectively with all staff and external partners.
* Ability to design and carry out relevant research methodologies such as literature review.
* Solid organization skills to maintain files, coordinate tasks, and ability to initiate and complete work with limited supervision
* Familiarity with the climate justice framework and the impact of the climate crisis on marginalized communities and regions.
* Qualitative research skills include qualitative coding data, developing research databases, and writing literature reviews.
* Quantitative research skills include data collection; data entry; data retrieval, compilation, manipulation, and synthesis of data.

Desired skills:

* Experience applying climate justice or just transition to your areas of expertise.
* Strong research and writing skills and ability to develop literature reviews and case studies.
* Strong cultural competence with marginalized communities most affected by the climate crisis 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 Basima Sisemore at [basima.sisemore@berkeley.edu](mailto:basima.sisemore@berkeley.edu) with the subject line "GJP GSR."

**Accepting applications until filled.**