

OTHERING & BELONGING INSTITUTE – JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title:	Student Research Assistant
Eligibility:	UC Berkeley undergraduate students only
Duration:	Fall 2024
Expected Hours:	10 hours/week (25% FTE)
Compensation Range:	\$28-29/hour

The [Othering & Belonging Institute](#) (OBI) is a hub of researchers and community networks who are generating work centered on realizing a world where all people belong. OBI identifies and challenges the barriers to an inclusive, just, and sustainable society in order to create transformative change.

The Othering & Belonging Institute's [Global Justice Program](#) (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 Student Research Assistant (STDT) will be part of the GJP team working to advance climate justice in a global context via our [Climate Crisis, Displacement, and the Right to Stay project](#).

The project aims to connect demands for recognizing the rights of people displaced by the climate crisis and across international borders—through legal protections as climate refugees—to the transformational changes needed to materialize peoples' rights to stay home and thrive within inclusive, just, and climate-resilient communities

The scope of the STDT's work will focus on researching and writing comprehensive [case studies](#) on climate-vulnerable countries to further encourage and guide national and international action. Additionally, the STDT may be offered the opportunity to engage with the GJP team on additional research inquiry concerning just transition framework and climate resilience strategies, or/and other existing body of work and/or support the development of new and complementary work related to climate-induced displacement.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct research on a country's modern history, geography and climate, economy and infrastructure, demographics and governance, loss and damage from climatic events, and strategies for building climate resilience
- Synthesize, organize, and write new case studies for countries based on comprehensive research

- Submit case studies to the GJP supervisor for review and incorporate feedback and edits as needed. Edit case studies accordingly and prepare the final draft to be published online
- With guidance from the GJP supervisor, edit pre-written case studies to update data and information where needed to ensure case studies are relevant and have the most accurate information
- Support with other tasks related to this project as needed and determined by the GJP supervisor

Required Qualifications:

- UC Berkeley undergraduate student
- Excellent research and writing skills, and ability to develop literature reviews and case studies
- Solid communication and interpersonal skills to communicate effectively with all staff and external partners
- Solid organization skills to maintain files, coordinate tasks, and ability to initiate and complete work with limited supervision
- Strong cultural competence with marginalized communities most affected by the climate crisis globally
- Familiarity with the climate justice framework and the impact of the climate crisis on marginalized communities and regions

Desired Qualifications:

- Ability to develop communications for policy and popular audiences
- Experience applying climate justice or just transition to your areas of research/work
- Ability to design and carry out relevant research methodologies such as literature review
- 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

To Apply: Please email your resume, a one-page statement of interest, and a sample of related work (no more than five pages) to Hossein Ayazi at hossein.ayazi@berkeley.edu with the subject line "GJP STDT."

Apply by July 5, 2024 for full consideration.