



Environmental Markets Lab Science Communications Fellow

Summer 2026

Project Background

The Environmental Markets Lab ([emLab](#)) is a team of scientists based at UCSB that advances economic research to deliver practical solutions for people and the planet. In collaboration with implementing partners, we design, test, and implement scalable solutions that work across boundaries—connecting science with policy, data with decisions, and ambition with action—to create pathways toward a future where environmental and human well being mutually reinforce one another. Leveraging our diverse expertise, we generate timely insights into effective and equitable solutions for Climate & Energy, Land & Freshwater, Ocean & Fisheries, and People & Poverty.

emLab is seeking 1-2 graduate students for a paid part-time position as a Science Communications Fellow to work with our staff to develop communications materials that showcase emLab's impact.

Responsibilities and Qualifications

Ideal candidates for this position will focus on:

- Developing multimedia content—such as short-form video and interactive graphics—to bring emLab's research stories to life across digital platforms.
- Designing branded emLab communications slide decks, one-pagers, and social media templates.
- Supporting the planning, writing, and circulation of the emLab monthly e-newsletter.
- Drafting content for emLab's social media accounts.
- Maintaining emLab's content calendar to track cross-platform campaigns, deadlines, and product status.
- Drafting blogs, research summaries, impact stories, and/or project pages.

Beyond supporting daily communications operations, the Fellow will have the unique opportunity to design and lead a self-directed Capstone Project that aligns with their specific technical skills and professional interests. This role is designed for a highly motivated individual eager to gain experience with routine communications tasks while meaningfully amplifying our digital presence and impact. Working directly with Sarah Erickson and Erin O'Reilly, the Fellow will receive 1:1 mentorship as well as feedback from emLab PIs and researchers. This collaborative environment ensures the Fellow has the resources to succeed while building a professional, portfolio-ready set of communication product(s).

Desired Skills and Experience

- Enthusiasm for developing novel, evidence-based communication products to drive real-world impact.
- Experience translating scientific subject matter into accessible language and/or infographics.
- Experience using different marketing channels (e.g., social media, print, website).
- Experience with MailChimp and Canva/Adobe Suite.
- Proficiency in programming languages (e.g., R, Python, or JavaScript) for data manipulation and the creation of interactive visualizations or web-based dashboards.
- Comfortable providing and receiving constructive feedback during the review process to elevate the quality of content.

Requirements

- A registered UCSB graduate student in good academic standing
- Ability to work up to 20 hours/week during the summer (with possible extension into the academic year)

How to Apply

To apply for this position, please send your materials to Jennifer Bone at jebone@ucsb.edu. In your application package, please include the following:

1. Your resume
2. A short cover letter (no longer than one page) that includes information on (a) any relevant work or volunteer experience that relates to the desired skills and experience outlined above and (b) your overall interest in science communications.
3. An example of your communications and/or design work (2 page maximum)

For questions, please contact: Sarah Erickson, Development and Communications Specialist, emLab (smerickson@ucsb.edu). The position will start in June and last approximately 12 weeks. The Fellow will be paid \$22/hour.

Application Deadline: May 22nd