

PhD Graduate Research Assistantship Opportunity:
NSF funded project, “Using Network Analysis to Examine the Political Ecology of Small-Scale Fisheries Management”

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The Coastal Resources and Management PhD program at East Carolina University (ECU) is seeking a graduate research assistant (GRA) interested in the human dimensions of marine and coastal resource management issues to assist with a research project funded by the National Science Foundation, “Using Network Analysis to Examine the Political Ecology of Small-Scale Fisheries Management” (https://nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=1756914&HistoricalAwards=false). The assistantship will begin in Summer 2019, with PhD coursework beginning in Fall 2019. The successful applicant will work under the supervision of Dr. Cynthia Grace-McCaskey (cynthiagracemccaskey.com), assisting with mixed-methods data collection in the U.S. Virgin Islands and south Florida, data analysis, and the dissemination of results.

The ideal candidate has an interest in using an applied and interdisciplinary approach to examine marine and coastal resource management issues. A master’s degree in the social sciences or natural resource management related field is required, along with experience using social science data collection techniques and qualitative and/or quantitative data analyses to answer complex research questions. Excellent verbal and written communication skills and strong interpersonal skills are desired. Experience using social network analysis is desired but not required.

ECU’s coastal PhD program is housed within the Department of Coastal Studies and the Integrated Coastal Programs (<http://www.coastal.ecu.edu>) and provides an interdisciplinary approach to coastal studies that emphasizes links between natural, social, economic, and health sciences. The assistantship provides a tuition waiver, monthly stipend, and health insurance for the first year. Funding in subsequent years is likely, contingent on performance and available funds. The Coastal Resources and Management PhD program (<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/crm/>) provides an interdisciplinary approach to coastal studies that emphasizes the links between science and public policy.

While the application deadline for the Coastal Resources and Management program is March 1, 2019, earlier submissions are highly encouraged. Interested applicants are encouraged to send a brief letter of interest and a copy of their CV (including GPA and GRE scores) via email to Dr. Cynthia Grace-McCaskey (gracemccaskeyc15@ecu.edu) prior to formally applying to the ECU graduate school.