



## Vacancy Announcement

### **Chesapeake Research Consortium** Environmental Management Career Development Program in support of the Chesapeake Bay Program's Scientific, Technical Assessment, and Reporting Team

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**During the COVID-19 national health emergency, all interviews for these positions will be conducted using remote technologies (Zoom, Google Hangouts, etc.) or via phone. All CRC Staff, including CRC Environmental Management Staffers posted at the Chesapeake Bay Program Offices, are currently teleworking. The candidate hired for this position will also telework until it is deemed safe to physically return to CRC's worksites.**

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Management and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay watershed requires a diverse group of passionate individuals. The Chesapeake Research Consortium (CRC) seeks such an individual for a three-year appointment to its Environmental Management Career Development Program. As a staffer in the Environmental Management Career Development Program, you will provide staff support to the Chesapeake Bay Program. The Chesapeake Bay Program brings together leaders from state, federal and local government, as well as academia and the watershed's many communities, to collaborate on creating the best strategies and tools for cleaning up the Bay, and the rivers and streams that flow into it, to restore habitat health for living resources. The Chesapeake Bay Program is fueled by science and driven by partnership.

The successful candidate will provide support to the Chesapeake Bay Program's Scientific, Technical Assessment, and Reporting (STAR) Team primarily focusing on STAR's Modeling Workgroup, Climate Resiliency Workgroup, Integrated Trends Analysis Team, Status and Trends Workgroup, and Bay Oxygen Research Group. STAR's mission is to facilitate productive deployment of scientific resources, to provide high quality and timely information to managers, and to expand communication between workgroups. STAR supplies a forum for analysis and synthesis, and engaging government, non-governmental organizations, and academic institutions. Monthly STAR meetings foster continuing dialogue between Chesapeake Bay Program Goal Implementation Teams and data providers, ensuring effective and responsive use of scientific resources in addressing scientific, management and policy-relevant questions. Additional information about STAR and its teams and workgroups can be found here: [https://www.chesapeakebay.net/who/group/scientific\\_and\\_technical\\_analysis\\_and\\_reporting](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/who/group/scientific_and_technical_analysis_and_reporting).

### **Environmental Management Staffer Responsibilities**

The candidate selected for this position will be involved in core leadership team activities associated with STAR and the assigned workgroups. Through coordination, logistics, and documentation you will gain hands-on experience working with natural resource managers from agencies and institutions around the Chesapeake Bay region. You will also have the opportunity

to apply technical knowledge and skills such as technical writing, statistical analysis, literature reviews, Geographic Information Systems proficiencies, and computer code development and maintenance, in the areas of atmospheric, watershed, and estuarine science, climate resiliency, and modeling. Additionally, you will be engaged in the Chesapeake Bay Program's innovative Strategy Review System process, which tracks progress towards the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership's restoration goals by learning from past actions. The selected candidate will work as a CRC employee at the U.S. EPA's Chesapeake Bay Program Office located in Annapolis, Maryland.

### **Summary of Responsibilities**

- Provide meeting support by developing meeting agendas, setting up remote technologies such as video conferencing (training provided), drafting concise meeting minutes, and tracking and following-up on action items.
- Manage and update content and calendar items on STAR and workgroup webpages.
- Solicit, track, and consolidate feedback on documents or topics from STAR and workgroup members and experts.
- Participate on project teams to perform analysis, research, develop code, consolidate data, write reports, and/or present results.

### **Desired Skills and Interests**

The ideal candidate for the position would have the following background and interests however if you meet more than 75% of the qualifications of this description, we encourage you to submit an application.

- A Bachelor's or Master's degree in mathematics, natural (chemistry, biology, etc.), social, environmental science, environmental engineering, or a related area of study.
- Technical knowledge and skills such as aptitude with Geographic Information Systems, and/or computer model code development and maintenance, and/or statistical analysis. Proficiency in writing scripts in R or similar statistical software a plus.
- The ability to research, organize, synthesize, develop visualizations and present complex information.
- The ability to do literature reviews in the general areas of atmospheric, watershed, climate resiliency, and estuarine science and modeling.
- Provide support by independently planning meetings, developing agendas, drafting concise meeting minutes, and tracking action items.
- Familiarity with using remote meeting technologies such as video conferencing (Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Webex, etc.).
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint is required.
- Experience with or interest in collaborating with a range of partners and stakeholders as part of interdisciplinary teams representing a variety of interests, in an environment meant to build consensus.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Excellent organizational skills, attention to detail and problem-solving skills.

- Ability to prioritize tasks under tight timelines in a fast-paced environment.
- Self-motivated and a team-player.
- Interest in learning how a multi-stakeholder, regional governmental-environmental-management partnership sets and achieves goals through collaboration, adaptive management, and science based decision making.
- A willingness to explore career options and interest in engaging in professional development activities.

### **Salary and Benefits**

The annual salary is \$43,331 and a competitive vacation and benefits package is included for the three-year position. In addition to the experience gained through your work assignments, CRC can support your attendance at professional conferences, workshops, and trainings related to your position, identified future career interests and individual professional development plan.

### **Application Instructions**

Applications (a detailed cover letter, resume, list of at least three references, transcript [unofficial accepted] and a short writing sample) should be sent electronically to Melissa Fagan, Environmental Management Career Development Program Coordinator, at [faganm@chesapeake.org](mailto:faganm@chesapeake.org). Please include information concerning education and professional background as well as immediate and long-term career goals as part of your cover letter.

### **Application Due Date: July 21, 2021**

Additional information about the CRC Environmental Career Development Program is available at [www.chesapeake.org](http://www.chesapeake.org). Additional information about the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership is available at [www.chesapeakebay.net](http://www.chesapeakebay.net).

Chesapeake Research Consortium is committed to a diverse workforce. CRC provides equal employment opportunities and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, veteran status or national origin. CRC maintains a drug-free workplace. All Environmental Management Staffers are required to successfully complete a federal background check upon hire.