Hello,

I am writing to share our excitement and recruit applications for our solutions-focused graduate program, the [Coastal Science and Policy Program](https://csp.ucsc.edu) at the University of California, Santa Cruz. We seek applications from, or recommendations of, emerging coastal science and policy leaders who are exceptional collaborators, young professionals, recent graduates, or grantees and who show leadership promise and passion to address opportunities and challenges from land to sea.

The Coastal Science and Policy program is a unique interdisciplinary program educating graduate students to pursue coastal sustainability solutions from land to sea. The program emphasizes collaborations with practitioners, in real-world settings, working to solve some of today’s most wicked social-environmental problems. The first year entails interdisciplinary [courses](https://csp.ucsc.edu/curriculum/), workshops/seminars, and a guided, strategic process for each student to co-develop their second year capstone project with a partner organization. In the second year, the student works full time with the partner organization to conduct the capstone project. At the end of the second year, students present their capstone deliverables in writing and via an oral public presentation to complete the degree.

The program prepares rising leaders to identify, innovate and advance scalable and socially just solutions to coastal sustainability challenges. Students can pursue a two-year MS degree to prepare them for jobs where they continue pursuing innovative change; or a PhD Designated Emphasis. The program commits to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion as core values of its community and work.

The Coastal Science and Policy Program at the University of California Santa Cruz offers a Master of Science (MS) degree that will prepare **ten outstanding students each year** for leadership in coastal sustainability. Graduates of this program apply interdisciplinary understanding from natural and social sciences to inform actionable solutions to complex problems facing coastal communities and ecosystems and create measurable and scalable change. In 2019, we expanded the program to include a PhD Designated Emphasis in Coastal Science and Policy for students pursuing a PhD degree in other UC Santa Cruz graduate programs (e.g., Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Environmental Sciences, Arts, Engineering, Ocean Sciences, etc.). To learn about the PhD Designated Emphasis click [here](https://csp.ucsc.edu/program/#DE).

We encourage both U.S. and international students to [apply](https://csp.ucsc.edu/prospective-students-how-to-apply-grad-school/), as well as students from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds. Based on financial need and program resources, the program offers a limited number of fellowships for tuition and living expenses or a combination thereof. This year we are also offering the 2021 Repass-Rodgers Fellowship on Central Valley Salmon Restoration Policies. This highly competitive fellowship covers two academic years of in-state tuition, student fees (including health insurance), and living stipend (including academic year and modest summer support). Read more [here](https://csp.ucsc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2021-Repass-RodgersSalmonFellowship_ApplyByDec10-2.pdf).

We are an incubator, inspiring students to pursue new initiatives for coastal sustainability and marine conservation outcomes, and to steward non-profits, government agencies, and the private sector in developing innovative sustainability programs. Our location on Monterey Bay and near Silicon Valley connects our students to groundbreaking research teams, visionary practitioners and other unique educational opportunities.

**Applications close December 10, 2020**. Please forward this email to promising candidates who you believe will be a good fit for the program. To learn more about our program please visit our [website](https://csp.ucsc.edu/prospective-students-how-to-apply-grad-school/) or contact [csp@ucsc.edu](mailto:csp@ucsc.edu) with questions.

Sincerely,

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