

**Employment Opportunity: Social Science Research Assistant
U.S. Geological Survey, Fort Collins Science Center**

The Social and Economic Analysis Branch of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is seeking a research assistant to support investigation of the societal implications of outdoor recreational trail development and oil and gas leasing and development. Key tasks include identifying and reviewing relevant literature from a range of social science fields; generating a standardized list of topics for sources reviewed; creating an annotated bibliography of identified literature; and assisting in writing and publishing findings.

The USGS Social and Economic Analysis Branch is a dynamic, collegial group of social scientists and economists providing applied social science for a range of government agencies (<https://www.usgs.gov/centers/fort/science/social-and-economic-analysis-sea>). The research assistant will have the opportunity to interact with Branch scientists, project partners from other institutions and government agencies, and collaborating natural scientists.

The research assistant must have:

- Completed a master's degree in a social science field within the past year or currently be enrolled in a master's or Ph.D. social science program.
- Demonstrated ability to conduct a literature review.
- Excellent writing ability.

The preferred candidate will have:

- A degree related to and/or experience with natural resource management or policy.
- An understanding of federal land management agencies, outdoor recreation, and energy development.
- Experience conducting research.

This position is a USGS Student Services contract position. This means:

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens.
- Applicants must either have graduated within the past year or be currently enrolled as a student.
- For all legal purposes, student is regarded as an independent contractor. Payments for services are reportable and taxable as earned income. No Federal, State, or Local income taxes will be deducted. No Social Security or Medicare taxes will be deducted. Student is responsible for payment of all taxes. The USGS will report the total amount paid under this order to the Internal Revenue Service on a Standard Form 1099. The student is not considered an employee and will not receive a W-2 form.

The position can begin as early as Spring 2020 and is well suited to a current student with availability to work full time (40 hours per week) for three months during the summer. The position is physically located in Fort Collins, CO and is telework eligible. The pay rate for this position is determined by level of education completed and ranges from \$24.46 per hour to \$36.20 per hour.

Contact information: For questions related directly to the job, contact Chris Huber at chuber@usgs.gov.

How to apply: Please submit a cover letter, resume, (unofficial) transcripts, and a relevant academic writing sample to chuber@usgs.gov by 11:59 PM (Mountain Time) Wednesday, April 29, 2020. Please use "Social Science Research Assistant application" as the subject line for your email.