

Ecosystem Marketplace

Carbon and Biodiversity Markets Program Research Assistants: Fall 2009

Ecosystem Marketplace is seeking two part time fall research assistants or one full time temporary position for our Carbon and Biodiversity Markets Programs. For more information about Ecosystem Marketplace, a leading source of information and analysis on environmental markets and payments for ecosystem services, visit www.ecosystemmarketplace.com.

About Ecosystem Marketplace's Carbon and Biodiversity Programs

Ecosystem Marketplace's Carbon Program produces a range of qualitative and quantitative analyses of the voluntary and forest carbon markets, from news articles on policy developments to annual reports on transaction volumes and values. Ecosystem Marketplace produces the annual *State of the Voluntary Carbon Markets* report, and this fall we'll be releasing the first annual *State of the Forest Carbon Markets* report. The Carbon Program also features the first of its kind ForestCarbonPortal.com, an information clearinghouse on terrestrial carbon markets. The Forest Carbon Portal features a [Forest Carbon Inventory](#) which lists, maps (literally), describes, categorizes, and links stakeholders to land based carbon projects across the globe that are selling credits or been validated to a third party standard. The searchable Inventory and map of currently 52 global forest carbon projects provides up-to-date, accessible and standardized information on projects such as size, project type, methodology used, amount of credits sold and project design documents. The Forest Carbon Portal also provides:

- A searchable 'toolbox' of resources including methodologies, project development guides, market and policy analysis
- US and International Forest Carbon Policy Updates
- Methodology and Standards Watch
- Daily news and monthly e-newsletters
- Weekly in house and outsourced articles presenting issues, challenges and opportunities facing the forest/terrestrial carbon sector
- A calendar of events
- A monthly 'trivia' happy hour networking event for forest carbon professionals in the Washington, DC metropolitan area

The Biodiversity Markets program of Ecosystem Marketplace provides insight and analysis on various economic incentives for biodiversity restoration and conservation. Our current work includes:

- The forthcoming, first-of-its-kind "State of Biodiversity Markets" report
- Extension of the seminal SpeciesBanking.com to international biodiversity markets and US wetland mitigation markets
- Regular Biodiversity Market Articles published on SpeciesBanking.com, [Ecosystem Marketplace](http://EcosystemMarketplace.com), and EKO-ECO.com
- Monthly eNewsletter "Mitigation Mail"
- Ecosystem Marketplace Webinars

Carbon research assistant description:

The Carbon research assistant will be able to commit to at least 20 hours per week to support the range of activities under the Ecosystem Marketplace Carbon Markets Program with a focus on forest carbon markets.

Responsibilities will include:

- Story identification and summary writing for the monthly *Forest Carbon eNewsletter*
- Daily news story selection for publication on our website

- Contribute to Methodology and Policy Watch, the EKO-ECO.com Blog and articles for the Forest Carbon Portal
- Data collection on forest carbon projects around world and editorial support for the State of the Forest Carbon Markets report
- Web maintenance for the Forest Carbon Portal (www.ForestCarbonPortal.com)
- Marketing support following the publication of the *State of the Forest Carbon Markets* report
- Representing the Ecosystem Marketplace Carbon Program at relevant conferences and/or lectures in Washington, DC
- And other tasks that arise

Biodiversity research assistant description:

The Biodiversity research assistant will be able to commit to at least 20 hours per week to support the range of activities under the Ecosystem Marketplace Biodiversity Markets Program.

Responsibilities will include:

- Research all biodiversity markets (offsets, payment programs, & direct purchase) at various levels (policy, projects, transactions) to contribute to various products: SpeciesBanking.com, Market Watch and the Matrix
- Research current events and publications to contribute to library of tools and resources, events listing, job announcements
- Contribute to the Eko-Eco blog, daily news
- Research funding opportunities & assist on grant writing
- And other tasks that arise

Qualifications:

- Upper-level undergraduate or graduate student
- Interest in conservation finance / payments for ecosystem services and basic knowledge of the carbon or biodiversity markets or another ecosystem service market
- Excellent communication, writing, research and organizational skills
- Ability to multi-task and work well in a team environment, but also to work well with minimum management
 - Good working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Outlook, and Excel
 - Ability to commute to a Washington, DC Georgetown office

Compensation: \$10-\$13 depending on level of education and experience.

Location: Washington, D.C.

Deadline: Please submit your resume and cover letter by **August 18 for the Carbon Position and by August 21 for the Biodiversity Position**. Please state your interest in either the Forest Carbon or Biodiversity position. Early submissions are encouraged. For the Carbon Program position please send to mbendana@ecosystemmarketplace.com; for the Biodiversity Program position please send to bmadsen@ecosystemmarketplace.com

Ecosystem Marketplace is a project of Forest Trends, a Washington, DC-based international non-profit organization that works to promote the conservation of forested ecosystems and the lives of those who depend on them through markets and payments for ecosystem services.