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Oceanographer Researcher 11

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I. INTRODUCTION

This position is located in

Incumbent is a member of a team performing research on oceanographic phenomena.

II. MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Incumbent investigates long range and short term problems in oceanography, recommends solutions, and writes scientific papers for publication. Typical duties include:

Serving as a team member, conducts research on the role of the ocean as part of the earth's climate system. Processes and analyzes physical, biological, and chemical oceanographic data sets.

Analyzes results of research team's experiments and prepares draft reports for peer review.

III. FACTOR LEVELS

FACTOR 1 - Research Situation/Assignment Degree A, 2 pts.

Incumbent is assigned projects that are readily defined and limited in scope. The assignments may stand alone as studies of specific oceanographic problems, or they may be segments of a larger investigation. Incumbent usually participates substantively in all phases of the research investigation, including problem definition, planning, execution, analysis, interpretation, and reporting of findings.

Investigations may cover new areas in oceanographic research, where the objectives are clear-cut and fairly conventional. Or they may involve applying existing theory or methods to new problems not previously studied. Projects are expected to result in a publishable addition to scientific knowledge.

FACTOR 2 - Supervision Received Degree A, 2 pts.

The supervisor gives general instructions as to scope/objectives of oceanographic investigations to be conducted. Incumbent consults with supervisor on problem definition and development of plan and attack. Incumbent is responsible for the study and pursues it to completion, solving problems ordinarily entailed in accomplishment of the work with only occasional reference to the supervisor. Incumbent interprets results and prepares reports. Supervisor reviews papers for completeness, clarity, and presence of supporting information.

FACTOR 3 - Guidelines and Originality Degree A, 2 pts.

Incumbent uses existing theory and methods that are generally applicable to most problems. The originality required is primarily the development of a complete and adequate research design for the particular assignment. Only limited innovation or modification of procedures and techniques is required. Complex but established experimental techniques may be used.

FACTOR 4 - Qualifications and
Scientific Contributions Degree A, 4 pts.

Performs independent oceanographic research as member of a research team. Has contributed as co-author, in a secondary role, to major scientific papers which are of major importance to the oceanographic field, or as senior author of a paper of minor importance to a limited area or limited scope in oceanographic science.

Points: 2+2+2+4 = 10

This position is exempt from coverage under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

IV. UNIQUE POSITION REQUIREMENTS

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