

2022/2023 WORK STUDY PROGRAM

JOB POSTING

JOB TITLE: GEOG2 - Local Perceptions of Climate Change in Tanzania

DEPARTMENT NAME: Geography

CONTACT NAME: Sophia Carodenuto

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The student will support an on-going study that aims to understand the real and perceived impact of climate change on two Maasai pastoralist communities in Tanzania. There is a well-developed literature on climate perceptions (or climate belief) that seeks to understand where, when, how, and why people believe in climate change and are willing to support ambitious climate policy, but existing research focuses mainly on the Global North (USA and Europe especially) but much less so in the African continent. The student hired for this position will conduct a literature review on climate belief in the Global South, and Africa in particular. Themes to include in the review include: 1) discrepancies between data on climate change perception and observed (or actual) changes in climate models; 2) the extent to which global climate data is capturing (or reflects) on-the-ground personal experience in our case study context; 3) work on future scenarios, including what climate policies or strategies local citizens are likely to support.

QUALIFICATIONS:

We are looking for students in Geography, Political Science, Environmental Studies, or related subject. The candidate should be highly organized and detail-oriented student that is competent in literature management software such as Zotero. Ideally the student is interested in topics related to climate change, Indigenous environmental stewardship, and international development. For undergraduate students- the ideal candidate is someone who is considering a Master's degree as this position will provide hands-on exposure to the research process.

JOB LOCATION ON-CAMPUS: Lab space provided but work can be completed remotely

WORK STUDY WAGE: \$16.50/hour (including 4% vacation pay)

HOURS AVAILABLE: 175

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications must include CV and cover letter (one page maximum) describing motivations, experience, and skills to conduct the work as outlined above.

Applications should be sent to Dr. Sophia Carodenuto, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of Victoria, to carodenuto@uvic.ca.

APPLICANTS MUST BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK STUDY PROGRAM
For details go to: <http://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/work-study/index.php>