



## Job Announcement

### Postdoctoral Research Position: Convergence Science Education and Indigenous Resilience for the Rising Voices, Changing Coasts Hub

*Deadline to apply: June 1, 2023*

The Haskell Foundation seeks a postdoctoral research position focused on educational development for the *Rising Voices, Changing Coasts Hub*. The position will be based at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas. This is a 2-year position with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2023.

**Background:** The Haskell Foundation, which supports Haskell Indian Nations University, is the fiscal-sponsor for the Rising Voices, Changing Coasts (RVCC) Hub, a large-scale, 5-year project funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The RVCC-Hub is seeking a recent Ph.D. graduate in an interdisciplinary degree, including education with a focused interest in coastal Indigenous Peoples and interdisciplinary and convergence science research. The RVCC Hub will create a space for convergence of disciplines and epistemologies where Indigenous knowledge-holders from diverse coastal regions will work with university-trained social, ecosystem, and physical Earth system scientists and students on transformative convergence research to address coastal hazards in the contexts of their communities. Indigenous partners in the RVCC Hub are not subjects, but co-creators of the convergence science created through the Hub activities.

The RVCC-Hub goals are to 1) co-create convergence research with social and earth sciences and Indigenous Knowledges to improve modeling and prediction of coastal processes that support decision making by Indigenous communities around mitigation and adaptation; 2) develop a successful, inclusive framework for cross-cultural convergence research that can be adopted and adapted by future research collaborations; 3) broaden participation amongst Indigenous students and researchers, and train a new generation of diverse convergence research scientists; 4) increase administrative and technological infrastructure to support current and future research with and by Indigenous scientists and

communities. The place-based research is focused on four regions: Alaska (Arctic), Louisiana (Gulf of Mexico), Hawai'i (Pacific Islands), and Puerto Rico (Caribbean Islands).

This position is designed to produce the next generation of scientists in the field of coastal research and resilience and build ethical and sustainable co-created research partnerships. A strong interdisciplinary background in education and social sciences, Indigenous studies, and/or evaluation is desired, as well as enthusiasm for such work. In particular, this post-doctoral researcher will work on Indigenous curriculum development and on-site program support. A good understanding of both traditional ecological knowledges and Indigenous knowledges, and Indigenous educational epistemologies is desired. Ideal candidates will have some knowledge of Indigenous/American Indian educational histories, methods, and methodologies.

The postdoctoral researcher should be equally comfortable working with a range of identities that include Native and non-native scientists and educators at major R1 research universities and scientific organizations, as well as tribal colleges and universities, and TEK/IK -holders in rural Indigenous communities; therefore, an appreciation and understanding of both research settings - scientific labs and community environments – is desirable. Preferred experience with developing curriculum, including experiential and place-based learning, creative ways of teaching focused on popular education, evaluation and assessment and some logistical needs.

This position provides a unique opportunity for an early career postdoc scientist to play a crucial role in the development of convergence science research on one of the most pressing issues on the planet today, climate change and its impacts on coastal Indigenous Peoples. Responsibilities will include curriculum development supporting the Hub's undergraduate/graduate student internship programs, including Indigenous curriculum development and experiential place-based learning opportunities, on-site support during the summer programs such as writing coach and research mentoring, pre-program communications and organizing, working closely with the programs' instructors and Haskell Foundation and Haskell Indian Nations University staff, and engaging in evaluation and assessment of the programs.

This position is based at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kansas.

**Salary and Benefits:** The starting salary for this position is \$61,800 annually, plus health benefits. This position is not eligible for overtime compensation.

**SEND COVER LETTER, CV, AND THREE REFERENCES (name, professional affiliation, contact information)**

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