

Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center Graduate Assistantship at UW-Madison

We are seeking applications for a Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center (Midwest CASC) Graduate Assistantship for the 2023-24 academic year (Sept 2023-August 2024). Current or incoming UW-Madison Ph.D. or M.S. students pursuing research applicable to the mission of the Midwest CASC are eligible for consideration. These assistantships typically will be for one year and include tuition. Students who are interested in working with state, federal, non-governmental, and tribal natural resource managers to create actionable science are particularly encouraged to apply. The University of Wisconsin-Madison is part of the USGS [Midwest Climate Adaptation Science Center](#) (Midwest CASC) consortium. The mission of the Midwest CASC is to advance adaptation science and practice needed to address climate change threats to natural and cultural resources of the Midwest region. The Midwest CASC provides opportunities for research to support climate adaptation decision-making, training related to climate adaptation, researcher-stakeholder networking, and community engagement. To learn more about the Midwest CASC and currently funded projects, please visit the [USGS Midwest CASC website](#).

GUIDELINES

Required:

1. Pursuing research applicable to the mission of the Midwest CASC.
2. Participation in Midwest CASC training and educational opportunities (e.g., annual gatherings, online seminars). Graduate advisor acknowledges assistantship support and agrees to enable participation.
3. Current or incoming UW-Madison Ph.D. or M.S. student.

Preferred:

1. Interest in contributing to the capacity-building aims of the Midwest CASC.
2. Past or current experience working with conservation agency stakeholders and/or tribal entities engaged in climate change science and adaptation.
3. Additional project support contributed from advisor or other departmental support.

To Apply:

Submit the following as a single PDF to Prof. Benjamin Zuckerberg (bzuckerberg@wisc.edu): 1) 2-page (max) letter of interest from graduate student; 2) Resume/CV of graduate student; 3) Letter of support from faculty adviser. Deadline is **04/01/2023**. Members of systematically excluded and underrepresented groups are particularly encouraged to apply.

The student's letter of interest should describe the research that will be pursued and how this research is applicable to the mission of the Midwest CASC. Graduate advisors should provide a letter of support that describes how the CASC assistantship would benefit the student and how it would fit into the overall funding plan. The advisor's letter should also indicate that they will enable their student's participation in Midwest CASC training and educational opportunities. Questions can be directed to Prof. Zuckerberg (bzuckerberg@wisc.edu) or Prof. Daniel Vimont (dvimont@wisc.edu).

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