

The UC Davis Karen C. Drayer Wildlife Health Center (WHC) is recruiting for a staff position as a Wildlife Field Operations Specialist. Under the direction of the Deputy Director of Field Operations for the Oiled Wildlife Care Network (OWCN), this position will provide specialized leadership and support in the area of oiled wildlife response activities as they relate to hazing, recovery, and field stabilization. As part of the OWCN response team, this position will serve, in concert with the Deputy Director, as the lead oiled wildlife field expert for the OWCN during and between spills. During non-spill periods, the incumbent will ensure oil spill readiness by acting as an expert in wildlife field activities and protocols, improving readiness by maintaining equipment and supplies necessary for field operations, and helping to organize and lead wildlife trainings and informational workshops for staff and volunteers throughout California. As part of the team, this person may also participate in public outreach activities as well as assist in research to ensure the OWCN meets its mandate of best achievable capture and care of oiled wildlife.

### **Specific Responsibilities:**

- **Readiness and Response (70%)**
  - Plan, develop, organize, lead, and implement oiled wildlife preparedness as it relates to oiled wildlife field activities, including recovery, hazing, and/or field stabilization.
  - Develop, foster, and maintain relationships with OWCN Member Organizations to ensure OWCN maintains good working relationships and knowledge of current wildlife field techniques applicable to oil spill response being used by these organizations.
  - Develop/update and lead/assist in trainings related to all areas of oiled wildlife field activities in collaboration with other OWCN Management Team members.
  - During oil spills, provide essential support of oiled wildlife operations, including acting in one of a number of roles, as needed, within Wildlife Recovery, Hazing, or Field Stabilization..
- **Research (15%)**
  - Participate in development & execution of studies on new and innovative wildlife capture and hazing techniques.
- **Outreach, Public Service, and Other Duties (15%)**
  - Assist OWCN Readiness staff in developing and maintaining outreach materials on oil spill preparedness and wildlife field techniques.
  - Represent the Wildlife Health Center and OWCN at various local, national and international meetings, including industry response drills and exercises.
  - Develop and maintain relationships with the greater California and national wildlife community to ensure OWCN maintains good working knowledge of new and innovative wildlife field techniques applicable to oil spill response.

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

- BS degree in biological sciences and/or equivalent experience/training in an animal care field.
- Ability to communicate biological information in lay terms to wildlife rehabilitation volunteers.
- Advanced skills in diplomacy, oral and written communication and interpersonal skills.
- Management skills to effectively manage personnel resources.
- Skill to work as a team member within this structure.
- Organizational skills and flexibility to adjust workload & respond to diverse and changing deadlines.

**Position Close Date:** 1 November 2018

**To Apply:** [www.employment.ucdavis.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=80939](http://www.employment.ucdavis.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=80939)

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