

**Position ID**

E17-40

**Position Title**

Climate Program Specialist

**Office Name**

Climate Program Office, NOAA

**Portfolio Summary**

The Climate Variability and Predictability (CVP) Program, within NOAA's Climate Program Office (CPO, [www.cpo.noaa.gov](http://www.cpo.noaa.gov)), is a competitive grants program focused on interdisciplinary Earth system science research that will expand the scientific understanding of climate and weather phenomena. Current research priorities include understanding the Madden-Julian Oscillation in the tropical Indian Ocean, Atlantic Ocean circulation, sea level rise, El Niño, the rapid decline in Arctic sea ice and its regional impacts, and the connection between weather and climate. CVP maintains a broad network of collaborators within CPO and across NOAA, notably including the OAR Labs and Cooperative Institutes, as well as with universities and other research entities. It is expected that the fellow will sustain and grow these connections by visiting some of these centers and by attending scientific coordination meetings with agency program managers from NSF, NASA, DOE, and the Office of Naval Research (ONR) for developing and prioritizing research initiatives. The fellow will also see first-hand how large field campaigns such as the DYNAMO and Year of the Maritime Continent are orchestrated from the perspective of a program office. The fellow will develop a broad understanding of the important role of NOAA in supporting mission-driven climate research.

CVP seeks a finalist with a background and/or interest in atmospheric and/or oceanic sciences and their policy connection. The fellow will be an integral part of a team and will assist in the development, promotion, and management of the CVP program which is currently focused on selecting new projects that will participate in the joint ONR-NOAA PISTON Field Campaign, which is part of the Year of the Maritime Continent. The CVP program is looking for a person to coordinate program activities such as planning an in-person Principal Investigator (PI) meeting next year, assisting with panels reviews, and leading CVP communication activities like developing articles for a newsletter, organizing webinars, and assisting with website updates. Some of the fellow's duties include analysis, background research and reporting on CVP research areas, international, national, and regional climate issues, congressional activities, and participation in the US Climate Variability and Predictability Research Program (US CLIVAR). The fellow may also work with the CVP program manager on program development and strategic planning which capitalizes on NOAA's unique strengths. The fellow will participate in activities with CPO's planning as well as across NOAA's research laboratories.

The fellow will gain an in-depth understanding of NOAA's climate capabilities and its grants program. The fellow will have an opportunity to participate in workshops, conferences, interagency meetings, and NOAA Laboratory visits as well as study the policy implications of scientific research supported by CVP. This position is open to finalists who would like to gain experience in the inner workings of a Federal science and service agency, its relationship to Congress, other Executive Branch Agencies, and the relationship of climate science and policy activities of the administration. The fellow will interact with high-level NOAA staff and world-class climate experts on a variety of climate issues. Through their work in the Climate Program Office, the fellow will gain a strong background in climate-related science and policy issues that will be useful for his/her career beyond the fellowship. This office is an experienced

host of Sea Grant Fellows for several years running. Finalists with policy and/or scientific backgrounds including geophysical sciences are encouraged to apply.

**Expertise Desired**

- 1) Ability and willingness to work on several simultaneous tasks, sometimes with short-term deadlines
- 2) Ability to work effectively individually and in teams with diverse people and organizations
- 3) Knowledge of Microsoft Office and Google Apps
- 4) An interest in a range of climate-related issues (climate science, connection of climate issues to policymakers, climate information in support of decision-making)
- 5) Strong written and oral presentation skills, as well as strong interpersonal skills
- 6) Expertise in a specialty within the atmospheric, oceanic, or other geophysical sciences areas, or environmental/climate/science policy, or science communication is preferred.

**Travel within DC (days per month)**

1-3 Days/Month

**Travel outside DC (days per month)**

1-3 Days/Month

**Accepts Foreign Nationals**

Yes