

Stakeholder Engagement Postdoctoral Associate Human Right to Water in California

The Woods Institute for the Environment at Stanford University invites applications for a **Stakeholder Engagement Postdoctoral Associate**. This position is part of a new, collaborative research initiative on **advancing the human right to water in California**. It is funded by the recently launched [Sustainability Accelerator](#) in the new [Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability](#). The postdoctoral associate will work with [Prof. Sarah Fletcher](#), [Prof. Jenna Davis](#), [Prof. Buzz Thompson](#), and [Prof. Khalid Osman](#).

Over one million people in California lack consistent access to adequate quantities of safe water. In 2012 CA became the first state to pass a law recognizing the human right to water, defined by three pillars: accessibility, quality, and affordability. The associate will explore opportunities to co-create research with external partners to address barriers to implementation including: metric design, data collection and management, and decision-support. This position is ideal for a recent PhD seeking to transition from academia to the public or non-profit sectors. This is a 9-12 month position with possible extension seeking a summer or fall 2022 start date.

To apply, please submit the following in a single PDF file and email to Heather Bolei at hbolei@stanford.edu: cover letter describing your relevant experience and interests; CV; and list of 2-3 references. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

Key Responsibilities:

- Data collection and review of relevant policies, regulation, research, and implementation efforts towards the HR2W in CA
- Map and engage key HR2W stakeholders, including representatives of disadvantaged communities, to understand their interests and concerns
- Plan and organize a workshop to convene individuals and organizations who are supporting implementation of the human right to water in CA
- Identify knowledge and implementation gaps where Stanford researchers can meaningfully contribute to advance the HR2W
- Support proposal development in partnership with stakeholder organizations for follow-on funding to co-develop research and solutions

Preferred Qualifications:

- A PhD in environmental engineering, public policy, management or other discipline
- 3+ years of research or work experience in the water sector
- Experience with stakeholder engagement and outreach; community engagement experience preferred
- Excellent writing skills; experience writing for academic and non-academic audiences
- Excellent oral communication skills and a passion for talking to people
- Strong project management and organization skills
- Commitment to advancing equity and justice in research and professional activities