

Postdoctoral Scholar Position: Bioenergetics and ecology of gray whales

Name of College/Department/School/Division: Geospatial Ecology of Marine Megafauna (GEMM) Lab, Marine Mammal Institute, Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Science, College of Agricultural Sciences

Location: Oregon State University, Hatfield Marine Science Center, Newport, Oregon

Open and close dates: Open: August 1, 2026. Close: Nov 1, 2026

Position start date: May 1, 2027

Summary: (1.0 FTE; 12-months per year) The GEMM Lab has led a collaborative study of gray whale ecology and physiology for over 12 years through the Gray whale Response to Ambient Noise Informed by Technology and Ecology ([GRANITE](#)) project. GRANITE aims to understand the effects of stressors on individual whales and population vital rates through collection of multidisciplinary data and the Population Consequences of Multiple Stressors (PCoMS) framework. Through support from the Office of Naval Research Marine Biology program, we are entering phase 2 of this project, which focuses on deployment of multisensor suction cup tags to collect simultaneous data on the whale's behavior and acoustic and visual environment. We seek a motivated and collaborative post doc to join our team, who brings skills in analysis of accelerometry data, bioenergetics, and acoustics. The position provides a competitive stipend and health insurance for up to three years, subject to satisfactory performance (<https://gradschool.oregonstate.edu/postdocs>).

Required Qualifications: (1) PhD in a life science field, completed by start of position and within 3 years of start date. (2) Demonstrated productivity, capacity for independent and collaborative research, and intellectual creativity. (3) Strong background in wildlife bioenergetics and experience working with accelerometry data. (4) Skilled in data management, analysis, and visualization. (5) Ability to program in R. (6) Eligible for postdoctoral scholar support at OSU (see [recruitment webpage](#)).

Preferred Qualifications: (1) Research experience in marine ecology, including behavioral and spatial ecology, wildlife management, and marine mammal biology. (2) Research experience working with acoustic data. (3) Excellent oral and written communication skills. (4) Field experience working in a marine environment, including on a small vessel. (5) Strong track record of collaboration and ability to work within an interdisciplinary team. (6) Experience working with [CATS](#) tags or Dtags.

Application Process: Please prepare a single PDF that includes a 1-page cover letter, a full CV, and names and contact information for three references (include your surname and first initial in the file name). Applications and inquiries may be sent by email with subject line "PD scholar" to: Leigh Torres, Oregon State University, leigh.torres@oregonstate.edu