**Center for the Blue Economy**

**Research Associate**

**The Position**

 This position undertakes economic research on issues related to coasts and oceans in California, the United States and other countries. Issues currently being examined include the economics of sea level rise and decisions about how to adapt to it; the economic benefits of wetlands restoration; the role of the oceans in national and regional economies, and development of policies to promote sustainable ocean-related economic development. The work includes data collection, analysis, the preparation of reports and presentations, and working with other organizations with which the Center partners on projects. The Research Associate will also be responsible for overseeing the work of graduate assistants who work with Center.

**Qualifications**

 A master’s degree in public policy, planning, economics or a related field and at least 6 months of professional experience, or a bachelor’s degree in these fields and a minimum of 3 years of professional experience. Substantial competence in computer applications, including Microsoft Office (especially Excel), and GIS (especially Arc GIS). Excellent professional writing skills, including ability to generate graphics, required. Additional experience with analytic software such as SPSS, R, or Matlab desirable. Experience with survey research, including online survey software, desirable.

**The Center**

 The Center for the Blue Economy is a research unit of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, a graduate school of Middlebury College. The Center provides a unique combination of teaching and research grounded in the social sciences and addressing the broad array of global issues affecting oceans and coasts. The Center is the home of the largest online data resource on oceans and coasts in the National Ocean Economics Program. The Center is affiliated with the Institute’s graduate program in International Environmental Policy and the specialization in Ocean and Coastal Resource Management. The Center collaborates with public, academic, and other organizations around the world to carry out its mission.

**Monterey**

 Monterey is a world-famous location for ocean related activities. A city of 32,000 located within the Monterey Peninsula, which as a population of 100,000. Monterey is located 120 miles south of San Francisco on California’s Central Coast. Educational institutions are a key part of the region, including California State University at Monterey Bay, the Naval Postgraduate School, the Defense Languages Institute, and Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, the primary location of marine activities for the California State University system. The Monterey Bay Aquarium, and its associated Research Institute, and the Hopkins Marine Station of Stanford University join the CBE as part of a major center for marine research.

**To Apply:**

Applications are only accepted online. To see the official position description and apply:

<https://middlebury.peopleadmin.com/postings/17956>

**For more information:**

[www.centerfortheblueeconomy.org](http://www.centerfortheblueeconomy.org)

[www.oceaneconomis.org](http://www.oceaneconomis.org).

<https://www.middlebury.edu/institute/>

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The position will remain open until filled. Applications received by September 30, 2018 will be given priority consideration.