Summary: The Nicholas Institute invites applications for research associate position.

The Nicholas Institute is undertaking a new project to develop a database of energy and climate data for the Southeastern region of the United States. This full time, temporary project will identify sources, review existing literature and summarize them. The associate will reach out to organizations in the region for their input and respond to inquiries from them in regard to data collected.

The Associate will work directly with the Director of the Southeast Climate Resource Center at the Nicholas Institute. Responsibilities may include synthesis and review of environmental science, synthesis and review of economic analysis, and outreach to organizations within the region in order to prioritize audiences and solicit feedback.

Compared to other regions of the country, the SE has lagged behind in taking initiative to address climate change. Policymakers at all levels, legislative and executive, as well as advocates would greatly benefit from a database, thorough and optimized for ease of use, containing the best data available for the region. Ultimately, this information will be added to the Nicholas Institute website.

The project will begin upon hiring.

We are looking for a full time, six month research associate to start as soon as possible. The position may be extended based on performance and funding availability. Salary will acknowledge the short time frame for the project and be competitive with positions of longer duration. We will look for other opportunities and projects to move this toward a long term position if that is of interest to the associate and we can find a good fit in terms of skills and background.

The Nicholas Institute develops substantive environmental policy solutions, or lays the groundwork for such solutions, in the following policy areas: climate and energy (federal, state, and international levels), oceans and coasts, ecosystem services and conservation, water resources (federal and international), and North Carolina. (NI website: http://www.env.duke.edu/institute)

Requirements: The position is intended for a 2010 or recent masters graduate or joint degree graduate in environmental science, masters in environmental management or political science.

Experience: Applicants should have strong research skills and the ability to evaluate and communicate environmental science and policy analysis with stakeholders and policymakers. Applicants should also have proven ability to sort through large amounts of data efficiently and be comfortable taking initiative, working independently when the opportunity arises. Familiarity with climate change and energy policy and existing resources on energy in the SE is desired, as is experience building or maintaining a database.
**Start Date:** ASAP

To apply, attach a cover letter, resume, contact information for two faculty references and 1-2 professional references, and a writing sample, to todd.wooten@duke.edu.

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