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Job Title Assistant/Associate Specialist, 2025

Rangeland Ecology - Department of Environmental

Science, Policy, and Management

**Department** 

**Institution** University of California Berkeley

Berkeley, California

Date Posted Sep. 17, 2025

**Application Deadline** 10/17/2025

Position Start Date Available immediately

Job Categories Research Scientist/Associate

Academic Field(s) Environmental Science & Ecology

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**Job Description** 

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Assistant/Associate Specialist - Restoration and Rangeland Ecology - Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management

### Position overview

**Salary range:** The UC academic salary scales set the minimum pay determined by rank and step at appointment. See the following table(s) for the current salary scale(s) for this position <a href="https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/\_files/2025-26/represented-july-2025-scales/t24-b.pdf">https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/\_files/2025-26/represented-july-2025-scales/t24-b.pdf</a>. The current base salary range for this position is \$63,500-\$88,000. "Off-scale" salaries, which



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yield compensation that is higher than the published system with the designated rank and step, are offered when necessary to meet competitive conditions.

Percent time: 100

Anticipated start: Fall 2025

Position duration: One year with the possibility of extension based on performance and availability of

funding

**Application Window** 

Open date:September 16, 2025

**Next review date:** Tuesday, Sep 30, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time) Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

Final date: Friday, Oct 17, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date, but those received after the review date will only be considered if the position has not yet been filled.

### **Position description**

The Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management is home to multidisciplinary research programs that recognize the urgency of the challenges-and the enormous opportunities-that may lead to transformative change. We have award-winning faculty in climate science, biodiversity, environmental policy, land use, and community outreach who are all driven by a collective interest in our environmental future.

The Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management at the University of California, Berkeley, seeks applications for an Assistant/Associate Specialist in the Luong Lab, in the area of restoration and rangeland ecology.

Dr. Justin Luong (PI), is an Assistant Professor with the Department of Environmental Science, Policy, & Management (ESPM) within the Rausser College of Natural Resources (RCNR) at the University of California, Berkeley.

The Luong Lab seeks to answer research questions that can directly support restoration practitioners, land managers and private citizens to steward important ecosystems across California. To ensure our



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work is relevant to practice, our Presearch of Tested Constitution of interdisciplinary methods that combine field, greenhouse and social science approaches to address our questions. We also extend our research to practitioners in the form of research briefs, reports, and workshops. At present, we focus our work on California rangelands to help support biodiversity, endangered species conservation, grazing management, mechanisms of functional traits, restorative agrivoltaics, bridging the science-practice gap and plant communities and restoration projects responses to climate stressors and varying land management practices.

This position will coordinate and implement field and lab work, manage and analyze data, and contribute to publications in support of active research projects.

## Specific responsibilities include:

- In collaboration with the PI, finalizes study designs for field data collection projects focused on ecological surveys of restoration studies and rangeland management. Coordinate fieldwork by training field crews and managing field crew data collection. Coordinates the field collection of field samples, such as functional traits, for lab processing.
- Leads the laboratory management and processing of field samples and associated data. Assists
  with the management and analysis of range and restoration science data. This assistance will
  entail data entry, development of database descriptions, quality control and quality assurance
  checks, and statistical analysis of key metrics.
- Generates progress reports as needed at quarterly intervals for the relevant projects. Reporting
  includes tracking the status of deliverables and tasks, and a summary of progress in the format
  required by the sponsor.
- Contribute to the planning, analysis, and writing of peer-reviewed manuscripts and final reports. These contributions may include the drafting of figures and tables, the analysis of data, editing and proofreading text, and the compilation of references.

Assists with the development of deliverables tied to Extension projects that are focused on science delivery to practitioners, which can include contributing to the creation of Fact Sheets, Research Briefs, and workshops.

### Qualifications

**Basic qualifications** (required at time of application) Bachelor's degree or equivalent international degree

## Preferred qualifications



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Master's degree in related field Posted Sep. 17, 2025, set to expire Oct. 17, 2025

Experience publishing a first author paper

Experience mentoring undergraduate researchers

Expertise with California Plant Identification

Proficiency with R Statistical Software or Python for statistical programming

Experience conducting field work in remote locations with harsh environmental conditions

Experience sampling plant physiological traits and morphological functional traits

Experience with data organization and databasing

## **Application Requirements**

## **Document requirements**

- Curriculum Vitae Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter

## Reference requirements

• 3 required (contact information only)

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Job location Berkeley, CA

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