

Postdoctoral Position in Conservation Program Evaluation

The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at UC Davis, in collaboration with the Property and Environment Research Center (PERC), invites applications for a Postdoctoral Researcher to work on program/impact assessment of conservation programs. The postdoc would be employed by UC Davis and supervised by Dr. Eric Edwards. Specific projects will be discussed prior to employment and mutually agreed upon by the postdoc and supervisor. Where useful, these projects will include collaborations with external partners including PERC, governmental agencies, and NGOs. Potential topics of interest include agricultural water conservation and water rights, forest fuel treatments and wildfire, and rangeland conservation technologies (such as virtual fencing). The position includes a small travel fund to include travel to participate in the 2027 Big Sky Workshop in Bozeman, Montana.

Minimum Qualifications: Ph.D. or equivalent in economics, agricultural economics, or a related discipline (degree must be awarded by start of position); strong econometric skills; interest in conservation institutions, incentives, and policy. Candidates outside economics with experience in causal inference or statistical analysis of remote-sensed data are encouraged to apply.

Preferred Qualifications: Ideal candidates will have a background in the use of remote-sensed and geospatial data, econometric training or experience doing causal inference, and a strong interest in policy-relevant work.

Responsibilities: The postdoc is expected to develop a deep institutional knowledge of one or more resource conservation settings (e.g. water, forests, rangeland), design research studies and collaborations, gather and analyze data, and produce peer-reviewed publications and policy reports.

Start date: Between April and August, 2026.

Duration: UC Davis requires all postdoctoral positions to be hired for two years. Candidates interested in a one-year position, including those looking to defer an existing offer of employment, are encouraged to apply.

To apply: Please submit a CV, a brief position-specific cover letter, and contact information for three references to ecedwar@ucdavis.edu. Review of applications will begin immediately. Pay is negotiable. Salary table information is required by California law and reports UC Davis minimums.

Salary:

See [Salary Table 23](#) for the salary range for this position. A reasonable estimate for this position is \$69,073- 82,836

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