



## Seeking Postdoctoral Scholar for Disaster Vulnerabilities & Capacities

### Overview

Dr. Laura E. R. Peters, who leads the Disasters in Divided Societies Lab in the Geography and Geospatial Sciences Program in the College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University, seeks a Postdoctoral Scholar for a full-time, 12-month position with benefits, beginning as early as February 2, 2026. The Postdoctoral Scholar will work on an interdisciplinary project funded by the NASA Disasters Program. This action-research project partners with Tufts University, the American Red Cross, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to codevelop an integrative decision-support tool that fuses NASA Earth Observation data with climate science, geospatial analysis, and social systems analysis. The Postdoctoral Scholar will conduct research on vulnerability and coping capacities, and support the integration into the dynamic scenario planning tool. Applicants with experience in critical disaster studies and vulnerability approaches, and skills in systems mapping and social network analysis are especially encouraged to apply.

### Position appointment details

- One year, with preferred start date of February 2, 2026 (negotiable)

### Required qualifications:

- A Ph.D. in Geography, Disaster Studies, Environmental Studies, or a related field completed or expected by position start date
- Experience researching disasters and risk reduction/management
- Excellent writing skills with a record of peer-reviewed scholarship
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and collaboratively in an interdisciplinary team
- Fluency in written and spoken English

### Desirable qualifications:

- Experience working with practitioners, including scenario planning
- Expertise on refugee or other displacement settings
- Expertise on network and/or systems analysis

### Additional Information:

- Open to domestic and international applicants
- Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the positions are filled
- Applications received by **November 21, 2025**, will receive full consideration

To apply, please email [laura.peters@oregonstate.edu](mailto:laura.peters@oregonstate.edu) (subject line: "Disasters Postdoctoral Application") with the following materials in a single PDF:

- 1-2 page cover letter describing qualifications and specific interests in the position
- Curriculum vitae
- Contact information for three professional references
- PDFs of 1-2 peer-reviewed articles authored or co-authored by the applicant