Two graduate student positions available at Colorado State University (M.S. or Ph.D) and University of Guelph (M.A. or Ph.D.)

We are recruiting talented graduate students for two-year graduate research assistantships at Colorado State University and University of Guelph. Students will join a six-person social science research collaboration among Colorado State University, University of Guelph, and Duke University. The project will focus on the human dimensions of very large marine protected areas and will require intensive fieldwork in international, possibly remote, field sites. Ideal candidates will have an outstanding academic record; a background in the social sciences/policy studies; experience and interest in working in international settings; experience applying qualitative social science research methods; and excellent writing skills.

One student will be based at Colorado State University (U.S.), working with Dr. Rebecca Gruby in the Department of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources. The start date is flexible (spring, summer, or fall of 2015). We will consider applications at the M.S. or Ph.D. level for this position, though candidates with a master’s degree will be given preference. Candidates interested in the position at Colorado State University may send a letter of interest and CV to: Rebecca.Gruby@colostate.edu

A second student will be based at the University of Guelph (Canada), working with Dr. Noella Gray in the Department of Geography. We will consider applications at the M.A. or Ph.D. level for this position. The start date will be fall of 2015. Candidates interested in the position at the University of Guelph may send a letter of interest and CV to: grayn@uoguelph.ca

Colorado State University is a Carnegie Research 1 (research extensive) university in the United States and is consistently ranked as one of the nation’s top universities in a variety of categories and disciplines – from teaching and learning to research and student achievement. The Department of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources is an interdisciplinary social science department with a mission to contribute to the conservation, stewardship and enjoyment of natural and cultural resources and the management of those resources in a way that produces environmental health and sustainable human benefits. For more information about the department, see: http://warnercnr.colostate.edu/hdnr-home

The University of Guelph is one of Canada’s top comprehensive universities. The Department of Geography emphasizes human-environment geography, with considerable strength in environmental management and governance. Graduate students in the department are highly successful; since 2008, they have been awarded grants and fellowships totaling more than $2 million and have published more than 75 articles in peer-reviewed journals. For more information on graduate studies in Geography at Guelph, see: http://www.uoguelph.ca/geography/graduate-programs-geography