The National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) in collaboration with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) offers one **Postdoctoral position for a candidate who would like to pursue a career in international environmental policy and the multiple values of ecosystems and biodiversity.**

The position has been created to support the work of the Technical Support Unit (TSU) on Values focused on the ‘Multiple conceptualizations of the values of nature and its contributions to people’ following the preparation of the Deliverable 3(d) of the platform already approved by its plenary. The position is a **2-year position** (with an internal renewal process at the end of the 1st year) **to begin in March 2018** as an in-kind contribution of UNAM to IPBES and its TSU on Values.

The **deadline for applications is May 15, 2017.** Please write to david.glez.2990@gmail.com Project Official of the TSUV for further information or to apply for the positions (find further details below).

**Central topic of the postdoctoral position:**
Integration of multiple values into decision making across scales, from global to local scales.

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INSTITUTIONAL BACKGROUND

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) was created in 2012 to assess the state of biodiversity and the ecosystem services that provides to society. IPBES is responsive to the interests of decision makers all around the world and seeks to integrate science and policy to promote better decisions regarding the management of ecosystems. IPBES has 4 program objectives: 1) Capacity & Knowledge Foundations, 2) Regional & Global Assessments, 3) Thematic & Methodological Issues and 4) Communication and Evaluation. Following the third objective, the postdoctoral activities will be framed under the needs regarding the deliverable (3d) on the diverse conceptualizations of values of biodiversity and nature’s benefits to people including ecosystem services.

The Research Institute on Ecosystems and Sustainability (IIES) of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) is devoted to research, capacity building and creating bonds with different sectors of society to understand environmental problems related to the management of socio-ecological systems. Its main approaches are interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research done across scales. IIES seeks to contribute towards building sustainable societies capable of providing material and cultural assets to people, in just and equitable ways, without affecting ecosystems. IIES is nested in the Morelia Campus of UNAM, in the western central highlands of Mexico.

Technical Support Units (TSUs) have clearly defined roles and responsibilities framed by working groups within the IPBES. Thus, the TSU based at IIES-UNAM, in Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico, is an IPBES body devoted to the work relevant to the multiple values of nature and its benefits and thus, it is related to the deliverable 3(d) of the panel. Moreover, it aims at offering scientific, technical and logistic support to the Core Group on Values, the Multi-Expert Panel and the Secretariat. The recent approval of the Bureau for the creation of this TSU has generated opportunities regarding the topic of values for the TSU and the IPBES, which may be of interest for a creative candidate interested in this postdoctoral position.

The postdoctoral fellow will primarily collaborate with Patricia Balvanera, Head of the values TSU at IIES UNAM, and Unai Pascual, member of the IPBES Multidisciplinary Expert Panel responsible for the Values Task Force at the Basque Centre for Climate Change (BC3).
INSTITUTIONAL BACKGROUND

Within the current call, the successful applicant will be hosted at the IIES located in the campus Morelia of the National Autonomous University of Mexico. This candidate will develop postdoctoral activities on the project detailed below:

Central topic of the postdoctoral position: Integration of multiple values in decision making across scales, from global to local scales.

Description of the activities: The postdoctoral activity will explore how multiple values of nature and its contributions to quality of life have been incorporated in decision making at global, national and local scales. Its main purpose is to recognize and suggest mechanisms or processes into decision-making at a range of scales, to explicitly incorporate multiple values of nature in agreement with the conceptual proposal of IPBES.

The position has two key components, each of which will require half of the time of the postdoc:

1. Respond to technical and logistical needs of the TSU in order to achieve its objectives in the short and medium terms. This includes attending to IPBES meetings, generating valuable proposals to achieve TSU goals on the short, medium and long terms, prepare meetings, coordinate workshops, establish communication paths with other IPBES members and get involved in other science communication strategies.

2. Generate a personal research project related to strengthening the science-policy interphase on incorporating the multiple values of nature into decision-making. This includes preparing a research project, producing at least two scientific papers (1 per year), preparing policy briefs and supervising the work of at least one undergraduate or student towards achieving the TSU objectives.

Eligibility criteria

Candidates must have obtained a PhD degree within five years before applying for the postdoctoral position. They should also have proven productivity, i.e. peer reviewed book chapters and papers. The selected candidate will be asked to apply to the Postdoctoral Scholarship Program at UNAM, which has a one-year duration with the chance to renew the scholarship for one more year. The fellowship stipend grants an equivalent of 16 UMA (36,500.00 MXN, 1,900.00 USD, 1,800.00 EURO / per month approximately; a monthly rent for a 100 sqm. house in Morelia is 600 USD approx.). Moreover, the grant the postdoctoral candidate and his/her family with full coverage for health insurance (please, find further details on the following link http://dgapa.unam.mx/index.php/formacion-academica/posdoc#).