Visiting Instructor of Geology - Search #12077
College of Science and Mathematics/Department of Geology & Geography

The Department of Geology and Geography in the College of Science and Mathematics at Georgia Southern University has an opening for a visiting instructor position in Geology for which we seek to make a hire for spring 2021. The home campus for this position will be the Statesboro campus.

Georgia Southern University is a distinctive combination of Southern charm and uncompromising academics. We are a Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution serving about 26,500 students through nine colleges on three beautiful oak-lined campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville, and via a growing online program. Throughout its degree offerings at the associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral levels, Georgia Southern cultivates community collaboration, world-class scholarship and hands-on learning opportunities.

Georgia Southern University was founded in 1906 as a school for teaching modern agricultural production techniques and homemaking skills to rural school children. Its Savannah campus was established in 1935 as Armstrong Junior College for local youth who could not afford to attend college away from home. The Liberty Center in Hinesville was established in 1998 to serve the military and their families at nearby Fort Stewart, the largest military base east of the Mississippi. All three locations came together in 2018 when Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University consolidated. The “new” Georgia Southern University preserves a passion for serving its neighbors while preparing students for lifelong service as scholars, leaders, and responsible stewards of their communities.

Believing that diversity, equity, and inclusion contribute to excellence in the workplace and to the quality of the University’s academic environment, Georgia Southern University is committed to recruiting and retaining diverse faculty and staff to support, promote, and serve a diverse student body and promote Inclusive Excellence. Candidates from historically underrepresented groups, whose work furthers the institution’s Inclusive Excellence goals and who bring to campus varied life experiences, perspectives, and backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

Within this setting, the Department offers undergraduate degree programs in both Geology and Geography and a graduate degree in Applied Geography. In addition, the minor in GIS attracts students from a range of disciplines.

Position Description: Reporting to the department chair, the visiting instructor of Geology will teach mostly introductory laboratory sections of Physical and Environmental Geology with a possibility of teaching Historical Geology laboratory sections and lectures in Physical and Environmental Geology. At Georgia Southern, visiting faculty normally teach fifteen credit hours per semester, hold regular office hours, and actively participate in departmental meetings. Collegiality is essential. All visiting positions are non-tenure track appointments. This appointment is for the spring 2021 semester only, although there is the possibility of reappointment should funding permit and based upon satisfactory performance. The second year would be a terminal year, without exception. The salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.
Required Qualifications:
1. Earned master’s degree (or higher) in Geology, or a closely related field with at least 18 graduate semester hours in Geology, by December 31, 2020
2. Effective communication and interpersonal skills
3. Willingness to engage with institutional student success initiatives
4. Commitment to engaging with best practice initiatives in instruction and pedagogy, mentoring, and curriculum design and development
5. Authorization to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution

Preferred Qualifications:
1. Experience preparing and teaching Physical and/or Environmental Geology laboratory sections

Screening of applications will begin immediately and continues until the position is filled. The position starting date is January 1, 2021. To equitably serve a fast growing and highly diverse student body and to fulfill the University’s commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, we actively seek candidates with a demonstrated commitment to Pillar 3 of our University Strategic Plan: Inclusive Excellence. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least three professional references. Other documentation may be requested. Only complete applications submitted electronically will be considered. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. Applications and nominations should be sent via email as a single pdf file using Search 12077 as the subject to:

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More information about the institution is available through http://www.georgiasouthern.edu or https://cosm.georgiasouthern.edu/geo/. The names of applicants and nominees, vitae, and other non-evaluative information may be subject to public inspection under the Georgia Open Records Act. Georgia Southern University provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, political affiliation, or disability. Individuals who need reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in the search process should notify Human Resources at 912-478-6947.