

Environmental Science—Search #67912

College of Science and Mathematics / Institute for Coastal Plain Science

The James H. Oliver, Jr., Institute for Coastal Plain Science (ICPS) in the College of Science and Mathematics invites applications and nominations for the position of tenure-track Assistant Professor of Environmental Science.

Founded in 1906, Georgia Southern University is a Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution with a focus on public-impact research, serving about 27,000 students on three beautiful campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, and Hinesville, and via a growing online program. Through our degree offerings at the associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels, Georgia Southern offers a distinctive combination of community collaboration, world-class scholarship, innovative teaching, and hands-on learning opportunities.

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 Inclusive Excellence. Candidates whose work furthers the institution's goals and who bring to campus varied life experiences, perspectives, and backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

Within this setting, the Institute for Coastal Plain Science (ICPS) facilitates interdisciplinary research and education directed toward understanding the physical and biological resources occurring below the fall line and their sustainable use and management. Supporting Georgia Southern University's pursuit of academic distinction in teaching, scholarship, and service, the ICPS advances a culture of engagement that bridges theory with practice and extends the learning environment beyond the classroom. The ICPS pursues its mission through a diverse group of affiliated faculty from across departments within the College of Science and Mathematics.

<u>Position Description</u>. Reporting to the Director of the ICPS, the Assistant Professor of Environmental Science requires research, teaching, and service responsibilities as well as a doctoral degree in Environmental Science, one of the Natural Sciences, or a related field. This position is part of a new environmental science initiative and will contribute to a growing Sustainability Science BS program as well as newly approved MS and PhD programs in Environmental Science. The successful candidate will develop a high-impact, externally funded research program in any area of environmental science (broadly defined) that will complement existing research strengths in southeastern US coastal and/or aquatic ecosystems. In addition to contributing to the new BS, MS, and PhD programs, the successful candidate will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in the area of expertise. The position is an academic 10-month tenure-track appointment, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:

- Earned doctorate in Environmental Science, one of the Natural Sciences, or a closely related field by August 1, 2022.
- Demonstrated commitment to advancing a strong and growing research and scholarship agenda and the production of research/creative activities as appropriate to the discipline.
- Strong potential to attract extramural funding, especially funding that supports graduate students in Environmental Science and other scientific disciplines.

- Ability to teach courses at multiple levels in the undergraduate Sustainability Science and graduate Environmental Science curricula.
- Willingness to engage with institutional student success initiatives.
- Commitment to engaging with best practice initiatives in instruction and pedagogy, mentoring, and curriculum design and development.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Postdoctoral research experience or similar post-graduate professional experience.
- Ability to conduct interdisciplinary research in southeastern coastal and/or aquatic ecosystems.
- Student-centered research and/or teaching experience.

Conditions of Employment:

- Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution.
- All work (with limited exceptions such as research and study abroad and outside activities such as grading and email correspondence) for Georgia Southern University must be completed while the employee is physically present in the state of Georgia, unless specifically authorized by the university for a specific purpose and limited period of time within current policy.
- Faculty are expected to contribute to the vibrant university community by engaging students, participating in events, and performing other responsibilities on-campus.
- Faculty may be required to teach, conduct research, or perform service duties on any of the three campuses. Georgia Southern provides accessible transportation options between campuses.

Screening of applications begins 10 January 2022 and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is 1 August 2022. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; a succinct statement of research interests (1-2 pages); a succinct statement of teaching interests/philosophy (1-2 pages); and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least 3 professional references. Other documentation may be requested. Applications must be sent electronically as a single PDF attachment (include applicant name in file name). Only complete applications submitted electronically will be considered. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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More information about the institution and the ICPS, respectively, is available through http://www.georgiasouthern.edu and http://www.georgiasouthern.edu and http://www.georgiasouthern.edu and http://cosm.georgiasouthern.edu/icps. 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.