



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Assistant or Associate Professor * Rangeland Ecology and Management

Description: This is a full-time, eleven-month, tenure-track position, approximately 70% research and 30% teaching. The research appointment is in the Oklahoma Agricultural Experiment Station (OAES) and the instructional appointment is in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR). The Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is in the process of creating a new department of natural resources ecology and management to include forestry, wildlife, fisheries, and rangeland ecology and management. The position will report to the Head of the newly formed department. (For further information about this reorganization, contact Search and Screen Committee Chair Dr. Sam Fuhlendorf at sam.fuhlendorf@okstate.edu.) The appointment rank will depend on the qualifications of the successful candidate. *Appointment as Associate Professor will not automatically confer tenure.

Responsibilities: Conduct research and teach in rangeland ecology and management in cooperation with departmental faculty and other natural resource professionals. Department support will be provided in a collaborative research and teaching environment. Working relationships with other University units and professionals within the region and the nation will be encouraged. 1. Establish a nationally recognized externally funded research program to meet the needs of the State of Oklahoma and the region. Desirable areas of research include, but are not limited to, fire ecology, landscape ecology, watershed management, biogeochemistry and ecology and management of rangeland habitats. 2. Teach one on-campus undergraduate and one graduate course that supports the Rangeland Ecology and Management program and the department. 3. Participate in the advisement and mentorship of undergraduate students. 4. Recruit, mentor and train graduate students. 5. Serve on departmental, Division and University committees appropriate to interests, responsibilities and organizational mission. 6. Prepare annual goals and objectives, and participate in the yearly appraisal and development process.

Qualifications: 1. A Ph.D. in rangeland ecology and management or related field. The area of expertise and research interest may include any number of areas applicable to rangelands in a private lands state, including, but not limited to, fire ecology, landscape ecology, watershed management, biogeochemistry, and rangeland ecology and management. 2. Demonstrated ability to instruct undergraduate and graduate students. 3. Ability and desire to work closely and cooperatively with departmental faculty and other natural resources professionals to (1) develop and maintain an active, nationally recognized interdisciplinary research program on issues related to rangeland ecology and management in the Southern Great Plains, to include publishing in leading scientific journals; (2) demonstrated interest and ability to seek and secure extramural funding to support research and; (3) deliver quality educational opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. 4. Must be eligible to accept full-time employment in the United States at the time appointment is made.

Employment Conditions: The position will be filled by January 1, 2007, or as soon thereafter as a qualified candidate is available. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Application Procedures: Individuals wishing to apply should submit a letter of application, transcripts, professional résumé, and the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of 3 to 5 references. The references should be knowledgeable about the applicant's professional qualifications. Review of applications will begin on September 18, 2006, and will continue until a suitable applicant is identified. Applications, nominations, and questions should be directed to:

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EEO: Applicants will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reasons such as race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, or status as a Vietnam-era veteran.

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