

POSITION TITLE: Assistant Professor, Animal Population Ecologist

DEPARTMENT: Wildland Resources

MINIMUM SALARY: Competitive salary commensurate with experience and education, plus an excellent benefits package

CLOSING DATE: Open until filled

The Department of Wildland Resources, College of Natural Resources (<http://www.cnr.usu.edu>), and the Ecology Center (<http://www.usu.edu/ecology>) are filling an Assistant Professor position in Animal Population Ecology. This is a tenure-track, 9-month position on the campus of Utah State University (<http://www.usu.edu>), beginning July 1, 2007. We seek an animal population ecologist studying the structure and dynamics of populations in terrestrial systems. We prefer a person who has strong quantitative skills and training in statistical, spatial and/or simulation modeling, and who has strengths in both theory and empirical field-based research. Potential areas of research include, but are not limited to, population ecology and modeling, animal responses to global change, conservation ecology, wildlife-habitat relationships, and foraging theory. The ideal candidate should complement current strengths in ecological research at USU.

The Wildland Resources Department is one of three departments in the College of Natural Resources; others are the Watershed Sciences Department, and the Environment and Society Department. We offer B.S. degrees in Conservation and Restoration Ecology; Forestry; Rangeland Resources; and Wildlife Sciences. We also offer M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Ecology; Forestry; Range Science; and Wildlife Biology. The Ecology Center promotes and coordinates research and graduate education in ecology, and has participating faculty and students in the Colleges of Natural Resources, Science, and Agriculture. The Department also has linkages to the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station, Natural Resource and Environmental Policy Program, USGS Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, USDA National Wildlife Research Center, USDA Agricultural Research Service and Forest Service research labs, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and other units on and off campus. Research and teaching sites near campus include a wide range of terrestrial biomes, ranging from semi-desert steppe to alpine coniferous forest.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES:

This position will be approximately 50% research, 40% teaching, and 10% service. The candidate is expected to develop a vigorous research program funded by extramural grants. Teaching expectations are one undergraduate course (every year) in population ecology, one graduate course (alternate years) in animal population ecology, and one additional course in the candidate's area of expertise. The candidate is also expected to advise and mentor graduate students, and fulfill a service role on and off campus, such as department, college and university committee assignments, and outreach to natural resource professionals and organizations.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

The selected candidate must have: (1) an earned Ph.D. in Animal Ecology or a related discipline at the time of appointment; postdoctoral experience is preferred, but not required; (2) the ability to develop an active research program, including a record of publication and presentation; and (3) the ability to provide quality teaching; previous experience in or willingness to participate in distance education course delivery is desired.

APPLICATION:

Review of applications will begin on October 30, 2006 and continue until the position is filled.

Applications must include a cover letter with a summary of qualifications; a curriculum vita; a brief statement of research experience and interests; a brief statement of teaching philosophy, interests, and experiences; copies of up to three pertinent publications; and three letters of reference. **To apply, go to the Job Opportunities link on the USU Human Resources homepage at: www.usu.edu/hr.**

Utah State University is a Carnegie Research Doctoral Extensive University, an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer, and a National Science Foundation ADVANCE Gender Equity Program recipient. The university is sensitive to the needs of dual-career applicants and dedicated to recruiting stellar candidates from a diverse pool including women, minorities, veterans and persons with disabilities. USU offers competitive salaries and outstanding medical, retirement, and professional benefits (see <http://www.usu.edu/hr> for details).

USU is located in Logan, 90 miles north of Salt Lake City. It is situated in Cache Valley, a mountain valley with a community of 100,000 people. Ski resorts, lakes, rivers, and mountains in the area make it one of the finest outdoor recreation environments in the nation. For more information on Logan and Cache Valley, see <http://www.cachechamber.com>.

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