



Position Announcement
Assistant Professor
Wildlife Ecology and Management

The Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, is seeking applicants for an assistant professor of wildlife ecology and management. This is a tenure-track, academic-year appointment with both research and teaching responsibilities.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The successful candidate will be expected to develop an internationally recognized research program, interact with scientifically diverse faculty across campus, and demonstrate excellence in teaching. Research should focus on wildlife associations with habitat at the individual or population level. This might encompass habitat management, disturbance ecology, conservation biology, resource selection, and/or restoration ecology in human-dominated landscapes. Examples of disciplinary expertise include habitat-based management of human-wildlife conflicts, wildlife responses to biomass plantings, and wildlife response to climate-induced habitat change. Ability to apply modern field techniques, use innovative analytical approaches, and generate extramural funding support is expected. Teaching responsibilities include courses in Wildlife Techniques, Wildlife Habitat Management, and a graduate course contributing to the curricular objectives of the graduate faculty. The incumbent will also participate in a wildlife practicum, mentor students, and interact with extension specialists to develop and broaden programs related to wildlife habitat.

Purdue University's Department of Forestry and Natural Resources is a broad environmental department with nationally ranked doctoral programs, emphasizing interdisciplinary approaches across a spectrum of research areas including ecology, genetics, forest biology, wildlife, fisheries and aquatic sciences, and human dimensions of natural resource management (www.ag.purdue.edu/fnr). The successful candidate will have the opportunity to participate in department interdisciplinary groups including Quantitative Ecology and three areas of excellence. As the land grant university in the state of Indiana, Purdue University has integrated programs in research, teaching and extension. The College of Agriculture embodies a land-grant mission by providing exceptional graduate and undergraduate education, stretching the frontiers of science through innovative research, and providing solutions to societal challenges to help people improve their lives and livelihoods.

QUALIFICATIONS: A Ph.D. in wildlife, ecology, zoology, or related discipline and demonstrated expertise in the field of natural resources. Teaching experience and the potential to develop a vigorous, extramurally funded research program are desirable. Experience in habitat management, a strong publication record, and postdoctoral or practical experience are desirable, as is experience mentoring/teaching students from diverse backgrounds and under-represented groups. A background check will be required for employment in this position.

SALARY: Salary will be commensurate with experience and training.

CLOSING DATE: Review of applications begins 29 February 2012, and continues until filled.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Submit: 1) letter of application; 2) curriculum vitae; and 3) three letters of reference. The application should contain formal one-page statements of research interests and teaching philosophy. Please do not include reprints with these application materials. Application packets should be addressed to:

Dr. Patrick Zollner, Chair, Wildlife Ecology and Management Search Committee, Purdue University, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, 715 West State Street, West Lafayette, Indiana 47907-2061. Questions may be directed to the Search Committee Chair via telephone (765-496-9495) or email (pzollner@purdue.edu).

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