

Assistant Professor and Endowed Chair in Natural History and Conservation

Position Description

The Center for Ecosystem Sentinels, within the Department of Biology at the University of Washington (UW), is searching for an Assistant Professor with experience in conducting field research that informs conservation actions. Applicants may work on any group of organisms, complementing the taxonomic breadth of our department, while also fostering collaboration across disciplines. The successful applicant will hold the Boersma Endowed Chair in Natural History and Conservation, and contribute to the growth, administration, and financing of the Center for Ecosystem Sentinels. We invite applications for a full-time (100% FTE, 9-month), tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant Professor level with an anticipated start date of 16 September 2020.

The UW Department of Biology provides a supportive research environment, with a long-term faculty hiring plan and a new Life Sciences Building. Our faculty members use quantitative approaches to investigate the evolution and function of biological systems from molecules to ecosystems. Within UW Biology, the Center for Ecosystem Sentinels is concerned with how environmental change is impacting the health and well-being of species that comprise ecosystems upon which we all depend. The Center's existing data sets include long-term records of demography, physiology and behavior of Magellanic and Galápagos penguins. Applicants interested in working with these data are welcome, as are those developing or using other long-term data sets. The overarching goal is outcomes that inform critical conservation policy decisions.

All UW faculty members engage in teaching, research, and service. The successful applicant is expected to develop an original, independent, extramurally-funded research program, teach and train undergraduate and graduate students, promote diversity and equity in their research and teaching, and involve the community in their conservation efforts. Please contact Professor Jennifer Ruesink at ruesink@uw.edu, Chair of the UW Biology Faculty Search Committee for this position, with any questions.

Qualifications

Applicants must have earned a doctorate in conservation biology or related field, or foreign equivalent, by the date of appointment. Applicants must have expertise in conducting field research. We seek applicants who combine natural history, ecology, and organismal expertise with the use of modern research and analytical approaches.

Application Instructions

Applications must be received by 1 October 2019. Late applications will not be considered.

A complete application will include:

A single PDF file containing your cover letter, CV (including your full publication list), research statement (up to three pages), teaching statement (one page), and diversity statement (one page) (Note: all but the cover letter are mandatory). Please insert a page break between sections. Focus your teaching statement on experience with teaching and mentoring in the classroom/ lab/ field, teaching methodology, and philosophy, rather than a list of classes you could teach. For the diversity statement, please explain how you have promoted equity and diversity in the past, and how you will promote inclusion in your research and class environments.