

## Position Announcement Landscape Conservation Genetics

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**POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** This is a 9-month tenure track appointment with both research and teaching responsibilities at the Assistant Professor level in the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia. We are seeking candidates committed to excellence in research and instruction in the area of conservation genetics applied on a landscape level. The successful candidate will be expected to establish an innovative research program by developing grant proposals, securing research funding, publishing in reputable scientific journals, mentoring graduate students, and actively participating in professional scientific societies. Teaching responsibilities will depend on the selected candidate's interests and areas of expertise but will include developing and teaching a course in landscape conservation genetics. Allocation of appointment responsibilities will be: 53% research, 40% teaching, and 7% professional service.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Applicants must have at the time of hire a Ph.D. in genetics, natural resources, ecology or a related field. Candidates should have a publication record commensurate with career stage. Preference will be given to candidates with two or more years of research experience in conservation and management of wild populations of any taxonomic group. We are particularly interested in research foci on wild populations that will complement Warnell's existing research strengths listed below. A record of teaching effectiveness at the university level is preferred. Applicants should demonstrate the ability for multidisciplinary collaborative research and a desire for continued collaboration with faculty in Warnell and across the University.

**STATE AND UNIVERSITY:** Georgia is well-known for its quality of life, both in terms of outdoor and urban activities ([www.georgia.gov](http://www.georgia.gov)). The University of Georgia ([www.uga.edu](http://www.uga.edu)) is a land/sea/space grant institution comprised of 17 schools and colleges. Athens is a diverse community of approximately 150,000 people located less than 75 miles from Atlanta. UGA enrolls about 39,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students.

**ABOUT WARNELL:** The Warnell School ([www.warnell.uga.edu](http://www.warnell.uga.edu)) is an internationally-acclaimed professional school with a proud history of producing leaders in natural resource management. The program has strengths in applied ecology, game and nongame management, forest management, forest health, quantitative and decision sciences, and spatial analysis. Faculty members collaborate extensively with affiliated programs including the Savannah River Ecology Lab, Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study, Georgia Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, as well as with a host of state and federal agencies and NGOs. Collaborative opportunities are encouraged with disciplines within the School and across the UGA campus. Some Warnell faculty and graduate students also participate in UGA's pioneering Integrative Conservation PhD Program (<http://icon.uga.edu/>), which trains students in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research to address complex social-ecological problems.

**APPLICATION:** To ensure full consideration, please apply by September 24, 2021. All applicants MUST apply online through the UGAJobs system (<https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/213865>). Candidates must submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, unofficial transcripts of all college-level work, and names and contact information for three references. In the application, please include a summary of your research scholarship, including your core research questions and approaches, and abilities to secure funding and publish in high quality journals. Please also include a statement of your teaching philosophy, including your experiences with teaching and mentoring students. For those individuals invited for interviews, the chair of the search committee will request letters from the three references, to be sent directly to the chair.

A background investigation and request of official transcripts will be conducted on a post-offer/pre-employment basis. The starting date is negotiable but will be no later than August 1, 2022. For additional information, please contact Dr. Scott Merkle ([smerkle@uga.edu](mailto:smerkle@uga.edu)), chair of the search committee. We

encourage applications from women, persons with disabilities, protected veterans, and underrepresented minorities.

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