Director of the Baruch Institute of Coastal Ecology & Forest Science

The College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences at Clemson University invites applications for the position of Director of the Baruch Institute of Coastal Ecology and Forest Science.

Come lead a group of dedicated and innovative faculty, research scientists, graduate students, and staff committed to professional excellence and promoting diversity and inclusivity. Clemson University is a Top-30 public, land-grant university designated as an R1 research institution with strong community engagement. The College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences is deeply rooted in Clemson University’s heritage as a land-grant institution, advancing founder Thomas Green Clemson’s vision of higher education that benefits South Carolina’s people, land, wildlife, natural resources and economy.

Clemson University’s Baruch Institute of Coastal Ecology and Forest Science is located in Georgetown, South Carolina approximately 35 miles south of Myrtle Beach and 60 miles north of Charleston. The Institute was established in 1968 on the 16,000-acre Hobcaw Barony at the southern end of the Waccamaw Neck. Hobcaw Barony encompasses a rich diversity of coastal forest and wetland ecosystems making it an unparalleled site for research in the environmental sciences. The Institute is housed in a recently constructed 12,000 sq. ft. LEED-certified office building with an adjoining 7,000 sq. ft. laboratory and support facility, and lodging facilities for visiting students and scientists.

The successful candidate, as Director of the Baruch Institute, will hold faculty rank and provide leadership to maintain and advance teaching, research, and Extension programs. In addition, the Director will demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusivity among students, faculty and staff; provide a vision for innovative educational and accessibility initiatives; foster a collegial working environment; strengthen working relationships with local communities, conservation agencies, funding agencies, research collaborators and other key constituency groups; manage the Institute’s daily operations, budget and resources; and mentor researchers and provide a vision for research and Extension initiatives.

Qualifications

Clemson University seeks an accomplished and visionary scientist to lead the Baruch Institute. The successful candidate will have earned a Ph.D. and achieved a record of scholarly activity appropriate for a tenured appointment in the College of Agricultural, Forestry and Life Sciences at the rank of full professor. Additional qualifications include: demonstrated ability to lead interdisciplinary, grant funded projects that involve collaborations from multiple institutions; an understanding of the fundamental and applied research and Extension opportunities across the range of disciplines represented at the Institute; a
commitment to research and Extension as illustrated by distinguished achievements in grants, scholarship and academic reputation in their field; and administrative experience with strong interpersonal, communication, personnel management and consensus building skills.

Application Instructions

The Search Committee will begin reviewing candidates on May 1, 2021 and will continue until the position is filled. Applications should include 1) a detailed curriculum vitae and 2) a letter of interest that addresses the responsibilities and requirements described above, as well as the applicant’s motivation to apply.

Inquiries and nominations can be submitted confidentially to Todd Petty (jtpetty@clemson.edu) or Kathy Coleman (kclmn@clemson.edu).

To be considered, applications must be submitted electronically via this link.