

Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals

CONSERVATION SOCIAL SCIENCES Postdoctoral Associate Department of Natural Resources and the Environment College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Cornell University Ithaca, NY

JOB DESCRIPTION:

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CAL S) is a pioneer of purpose-driven science and home to Cornell University's second largest population of students, faculty and staff. We work across disciplines to tackle the challenges of our time through world-renowned research, education and outreach. The questions we probe and the answers we seek focus on three overlapping concerns: natural and human systems; food, energy and environmental resources; and social, physical and economic well-being. CAL S is fundamentally invested in improving the lives of people, their environments and their communities both in New York state and around the world.

The Department of Natural Resources and the Environment at Cornell University is seeking candidates for a postdoctoral position to work on social science dimensions of municipal land-use planning in the Hudson River Estuary. The postdoctoral associate will join a dynamic intellectual community in the Center for Conservation Social Sciences while also grounding their work in a longstanding Cornell partnership with the Hudson River Estuary Program. Topics include: 1) the intersections of climate justice and land-use planning, 2) assessing the impact of various land-use policies and policy tools on biodiversity, 3) investigating how land-use decisions and biodiversity have varied over time, and 4) evaluation research on conservation capacity-building programs for local governments. Duties include designing and implementing research; manuscript preparation for publication in refereed journals; working collaboratively with project partners and stakeholders; management and coordination of research including budgeting and reporting; and grant development in support of research efforts.

POSITION DETAILS:

The position location is Ithaca, NY and is currently contracted for two years with the possibility for extension to a third year. The initial appointment begins Aug. 15, 2021. The position is 80% research and 20% program management. Appointment will be made for 1 year initially with the possibility of annual renewals for an additional 2 years, contingent on funding, available work and performance.

More information on Cornell's partnership with the Hudson River Estuary Program on conservation and land-use planning is available at <https://hudson.dnr.cals.cornell.edu/>.

REQUIREMENTS:

We are searching for a highly motivated and skilled postdoc who has:

- A Ph.D. in social sciences combined with some aspect of environmental sciences or conservation biology
- Local government and municipal planning as area of competence
- Proven management skills

- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Affinity with working in an interdisciplinary team
- Strong collaboration skills in working with partners and stakeholders
- Proven organizational skills and the ability to work independently while adhering to tight timelines
- Experience in GIS and spatial mapping and modeling is preferable.

SUPERVISION:

Supervised by Dr. Shorna Allred, Associate Professor, Center for Conservation Social Sciences, Department of Natural Resources and the Environment and Department of Global Development.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: All components of the application must be submitted through Academic Jobs Online: <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/18542>. Interested applicants should submit: (1) a curriculum vitae, (2) a letter of interest, including a brief description of how this position relates to their career plans, (3) a [statement of contribution to diversity, equity, and inclusion](#), and (4) the names and contact information of three references. Questions can be directed to Dr. Shorna Allred (srb237@cornell.edu). **Applications must be received by Monday, May 17, 2021.**