

Position Description
Assistant/Associate Professor, Human Dimensions of Environmental Change
Department of Environment & Society
Utah State University

Overview

The Department of Environment and Society (ENVS) at Utah State University (USU) invites applications for the tenure-track position of **Assistant or Associate Professor with expertise in Human Dimensions of Environmental Change**. We particularly welcome applications from scholars whose research focuses on social, cultural, historical, or ecological issues impacting public and/or tribal lands in the Southwest United States. This tenure-track, full-time (nine-month) position is based at the USU campus in Moab, a thriving tourism-oriented community in southeast Utah and a federal agency hub adjacent to National Park, National Forest, BLM and Tribal lands. The relative emphasis for the position is 50% teaching, 40% research, and 10% service. The position starts August 01, 2022. Background is available concerning the ENVS department (<https://qcnr.usu.edu/envs/>) the Quinney College of Natural Resources (QCNR) (www.cnr.usu.edu), and the USU Moab campus (<http://statewide.usu.edu/>).

Responsibilities:

- Teaching will include a combination of intensive, face-to-face, field-based, and innovative online courses taught in service of the ENVS undergraduate major in environmental studies at USU's Statewide Campus system and QCNR's award-winning Master of Natural Resources program. Approximately four courses per year may include Introduction to Environmental Science, an intensive, field-based course and participation in the Master of Natural Resources curriculum (<https://qcnr.usu.edu/mnr/>).
- Teaching duties also include advising undergraduates enrolled at the Statewide Campuses in the Environmental Studies major and supervision of graduate and/or undergraduate student research.
- Research interests may include but are not limited to human dimensions of environmental change, environmental and/or climate (in)justice, natural resource policy, political ecology, or scholarship related to indigenous lifeways, cosmologies, and ecologies. Preference will be given to scholars working in the Southwest US.
- Service includes participation in faculty duties on campus as well as professional involvements off campus.

Minimum Qualifications:

- An earned Ph.D. in a field related to human dimensions of environmental change by the date-of-hire.
- Interest in and ability to teach in online and field-based contexts.
- Interest in and ability to collaborate on interdisciplinary, natural resources, and environmental issues involving stakeholder and community engagement, applied research, or professional service opportunities.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Prior teaching experience in a variety of delivery formats, with emphasis on developing and implementing innovative courses.
- Demonstrated interest in and ability to contribute to diversity and inclusion of groups that are underrepresented in the academy through education, applied research, and/or service.
- Demonstrated success in acquiring grants to support scholarship and successful publication in peer-reviewed outlets.

Review of applications begins November 1, 2021.

For further information contact Dr. Wayne Freimund, Search Committee Chair at wayne.freimund@usu.edu

Required Documents

Along with the online application, please attach:

- 1) Cover letter with a focus on teaching interests, teaching experience, etc. (maximum 2 pages)
- 2) Statement of teaching philosophy (maximum 2 pages)
- 3) Statement of research experiences and interests (maximum 2 pages)
- 4) Statement of experience and interest in community engagement and outreach (maximum 1 page)
- 5) Statement of prior and intended contributions to diversity and inclusion in relation to the university mission in learning, discovery, and engagement (maximum 1 page)
- 6) Curriculum vitae
- 7) Names and contact details for three people who can provide letters of reference

Please do not attach required documents in the candidate profile; you will be instructed to copy and paste later on in the application.

****Document size may not exceed 10 MB****

University Highlights

Utah State University (USU) was founded in 1888 and is honored to be Utah's land-grant and space-grant university. USU is a Carnegie RU/H (Research University/High Research Activity) institution with approximately 28,000 students (25,000 undergraduates and 3,000 graduate students) on the Logan main campus, four regional campuses, two USU Eastern campuses, and 28 centers throughout the state. USU offers 162 undergraduate majors, 153 graduate programs, and a variety of innovative stackable associate and certificate credentials. The 2018 rankings from Washington Monthly ranked USU as one of the top 30 national Universities and the [5th best public national university in the nation](#). As one of the two premier research institutions in Utah, USU is proud to provide a high-quality education at an affordable price. Additional information about Utah State University can be found at: <https://www.usu.edu/about/at-a-glance/>.

A core characteristic of USU is engagement with communities and people in economic development, improvements to quality of life, and building human capital. Through the practical application of knowledge, the University and its faculty engage and share expertise with the state,

nation, and world, preserving the historical land-grant tradition of partnering with communities to address critical societal issues in the interest of the public good.

The position is based at the Moab Regional Campus which is a rapidly developing location in the Statewide Campus system of Utah State University (<http://statewide.usu.edu/>). The construction of a new, modern campus is under way (<https://moab.usu.edu/newcampus/>). Without leaving Moab, students can obtain a large number of certificates, endorsements, and degrees at the associate, baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels. Courses are delivered using a wide variety of formats including face-to-face instruction and a number of distance education technologies (e.g., online, interactive video conferencing). Utah State University has worked closely with Moab leaders and federal agency partners to create a future vision of higher education in the community that includes a strong role for recreation resource management. For more information about the Moab Regional Campus, please visit: <http://moab.usu.edu/>.

With a resident population of 5,000, Moab is the largest community in Grand County, Utah. The Moab economy is largely fueled by outdoor recreation and tourism, and the community welcomes approximately one million people from around the world each year. As the gateway to red rock country and its many national and state parks and public lands, Moab has become a magnet for outdoor enthusiasts seeking to take advantage of a wide range of mountain biking, hiking, climbing, touring and river rafting opportunities. Moab is home to offices for the National Park Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service in addition to numerous state agencies. Situated on the banks of the Colorado River the community is carefully designed for walking and biking enthusiasts, and has recently added a state-of-the-art regional hospital, a recreation and aquatics center, and two new public school buildings. For more information about the Moab community visit <http://www.moabcity.state.ut.us/>.

USU recognizes and values the importance of diversity and inclusion in enriching the employment experience of its employees and in supporting the university's academic mission of learning, discovery, and engagement (<https://www.usu.edu/president/missionstatement/>). USU is an AA/EO employer and does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, genetic information, sexual orientation or gender identity/expression, disability, status as a protected veteran, or any other status protected by University policy or local, state, or federal law. Learn more at www.aaco.usu.edu/non-discrimination. USU is sensitive to the needs of dual career couples and provides a Dual Career Assistance program. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.usu.edu/provost/faculty-life/dual-career-assistance.cfm>.

Salary

Salary is negotiable and commensurate with qualifications and experience. USU offers competitive salaries and outstanding medical, retirement, and professional benefits (<http://usu.edu/hr>).

Application process

Review of applications will begin after November 1, 2021 and continue until the position is filled. Applicants must submit all application materials electronically via the Utah State University Human Resources web site (<https://jobs.usu.edu>).