

Position Description
Assistant Professor, Recreation Resource Management & the Environment
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 Professor, with expertise in recreation resource management and the environment**. We welcome applications from broadly trained scholars whose research integrates recreation resource management with other fields, such as: human dimensions of wildlife management, geospatial analysis, climate change adaptation and mitigation, tourism and recreation geography, diversity in nature-based recreation participation, cultural ecosystem services, environmental communication, or environmental collaboration and conflict management. This tenure-track, full-time (nine-month) position is based at the USU campus in Logan, Utah. The relative emphasis for the position is 50% research, 40% teaching, and 10% service.

The position starts August, 2022. Background is available concerning the Department of Environment and Society (www.cnr.usu.edu/envs) and its home, the Quinney College of Natural Resources (www.cnr.usu.edu).

Responsibilities:

- Development of a robust, externally funded research program in recreation resource management and related fields.
- Teaching up to three courses per academic year at undergraduate and graduate levels. Undergraduate courses may serve students in the department's recreation resource management, environmental studies, or geography programs. Graduate teaching responsibilities will focus on the successful candidate's area of research expertise and may serve Master's programs in Recreation Resource Management, Geography, Environment and Society, or Natural Resources, the Ph.D. program in Environment and Society, or a certificate in GIS.
- Student advising and mentoring will include students in departmental graduate programs and may also include undergraduates enrolled in a departmental major.
- Service includes participation in faculty duties on campus as well as professional involvement off-campus.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Earned Ph.D. at date-of-hire in a relevant field (e.g., conservation social science; ecology; environmental studies/science; forestry; geography; natural resources; park, recreation, and tourism management; sociology; wildlife management).
- Evidence of ability to develop and conduct an active and focused program of research and scholarship in recreation resource management and related fields.
- Demonstrated interest in teaching effectively at the undergraduate and graduate level.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Evidence of ability to develop and conduct an externally funded program of research and scholarship.
- Experience with or willingness to learn about distance-education course delivery.
- Demonstrated interest and ability to contribute to diversity and inclusion of groups that are underrepresented in the department through education, applied research, or service.
- Experience working with local, state, or federal agencies or other organizations in the management of nature-based recreation and recreation resources.
- Experience or interest in working with landscapes and communities of the U.S. West.

Review of applications begins December 1, 2021.

For further information contact Dr. Christopher Lant, Search Committee Chair at chris.lant@usu.edu

Required Documents

Along with the online application, please include:

- 1) Cover letter (maximum 2 pages)
- 2) Statement of research experience and interests (maximum 2 pages)
- 3) Statement of teaching experience and philosophy (maximum 2 pages)
- 4) Statement of prior and intended contributions to diversity and inclusion in relation to the university mission in learning, discovery, and engagement (see <https://www.usu.edu/president/missionstatement/>) (maximum 1 page)
- 5) Curriculum vitae
- 6) 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 R2 (Doctoral University – High research activity) institution and received Carnegie Community Engagement Classification in 2020. USU has 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 recognizes and respects Native American peoples as the original stewards of USU lands. USU offers 114 undergraduate majors, 132 graduate programs, and a variety of innovative stackable associate and certificate credentials. 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.

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.aaeo.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 (<https://www.usu.edu/provost/faculty-recruitment/dual-career-assistance>).

ADA

Employees typically work indoors and are protected from weather and/or contaminants, but not, necessarily, occasional temperature changes.

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 December 1, 2021 and continue until the position is filled. Applicants must submit all application materials electronically via the Utah State University Human Resources website (<https://jobs.usu.edu>).