

ASSISTANT COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SPECIALIST IN RANGELAND PLANNING AND POLICY

University of California, Berkeley

The Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management at the University of California, Berkeley seeks an Assistant Cooperative Extension Specialist (Fiscal Year) in Rangeland Planning and Policy. The expected start date is July 1, 2015. The Rangeland Planning and Policy Specialist will help create a collaborative, multidisciplinary research and outreach program with UC Cooperative Extension Advisors and Specialists; community partners; government/institutional groups; rangeland owners and managers, and land management and advisory agencies with rangeland responsibilities. The Specialist would investigate the linkages between policy and planning processes, and environmental outcomes on rangelands at multiple scales. Rangelands are grasslands, meadows, shrublands, and savannas.

The completion of all Ph.D. (or equivalent) degree requirements except the dissertation is required at the time of application. The Ph.D. (or equivalent) degree is required by the start date. The successful candidate will have a doctoral degree (or equivalent) in the general disciplinary area of rangeland policy and planning. The degree might be in the social sciences, such as political science, economics, anthropology, sociology, planning, or geography; or from an interdisciplinary program, such as natural resource, agricultural, or environmental studies. The candidate should be able to work productively with diverse communities and stakeholders, and to build cross-disciplinary teams to meet the diverse challenges of rangeland conservation and management. Salary is commensurate with experience.

The Specialist will be expected to develop a nationally-competitive research program and to obtain extramural grant funds. Meaningful engagement in University of California's Agriculture and Natural Resource's Strategic Initiatives and Program Teams is also essential for a successful program, see http://ucanr.org/About_ANR/Strategic_Vision/. The incumbent will be expected to qualify for licensing as a California Certified Rangeland Manager within five years of appointment.

To apply, please go to the following link: <https://aprecruit.berkeley.edu/apply/JPF00579>. Applicants should submit the following required documents on-line: 1) a cover letter, 2) a curriculum vitae, 3) a statement of research and extension interests and experience, 4) a brief statement of their past and/or potential contributions to diversity and inclusion, and 5) contact information for three referees who may be asked to submit a letter of recommendation. In addition, applicants are encouraged to submit pdf copies of up to three recent publications (optional). Each document should be submitted as a separate pdf file. Filenames should include the applicant's last and first names. Letters of reference will be requested as needed for committee deliberations. All letters will be treated as confidential per University of California policy and California state law. Please refer potential referees, including when letters are provided via a third party (i.e., dossier service or career center), to the UC Berkeley statement of confidentiality (<http://apo.berkeley.edu/evalltr.html>) prior to submitting their letters.

The initial review date is December 1, 2014. Applications received by this date will receive priority. To receive full consideration, please submit all materials prior to this date; however, this position will remain open until filled. Please direct questions to espm_recruit@berkeley.edu.

UC Berkeley has an excellent benefits package as well as a number of policies and programs in place to support employees as they balance work and family. The department seeks candidates whose research and service has prepared them to contribute to our commitment to diversity and inclusion in education and outreach. The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age or protected veteran status. For the complete University of California nondiscrimination and affirmative action policy see: <http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/4000376/NondiscrimAffirmAct>.