

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Research Assistant Professor

Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture
College of Forest Resources, Mississippi State University

POSITION: Research Assistant Professor: Human-Wildlife Interactions

The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture at Mississippi State University (MSU), is seeking applications for 9-month, Non-tenure track faculty position at the Research Assistant Professor rank. This person will be involved in teaching, research and service.

LOCATION: This position is on the MSU campus, located in Starkville, Mississippi. A description of the College of Forest Resources (CFR), the Forest and Wildlife Research Center (FWRC), and the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture can be found at <http://www.cfr.msstate.edu/wildlife>

STARTING: May 2020 or as negotiated.

SALARY: \$70-75,000. Candidate can secure additional salary through grants, contracts or additional teaching.

REVIEW: February 17, 2020; will continue until filled.

RESPONSIBILITIES: This appointment will be 75% Research/Service and 25% Teaching

DESCRIPTION: The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture at Mississippi State University invites applications for a 9-month, non-tenure track faculty position as Research Assistant Professor of Human-Wildlife Interactions (75% research/service, 25% teaching). The responsibilities of this position will include developing a research and teaching program and working closely with the National Training Academy (NTA) for USDA Wildlife Services at MSU. Research and teaching may broadly include expertise related to human-wildlife interactions such as urban-wildlife management, human dimensions, threatened and endangered species conservation, invasive species or wildlife management in working landscapes. We also encourage applicants in related fields that can show how their program would complement our existing faculty programs. Work with the NTA will include developing and leading several wildlife safety training programs each year. The successful candidate will be responsible for developing an independent research program capable of attracting graduate students, securing external funding, and publishing peer-reviewed manuscripts. The faculty member will be responsible for teaching undergraduate and graduate level classes and mentoring students in the Human-Wildlife Interactions concentration.

QUALIFICATIONS: A Ph.D. degree in Wildlife Ecology, Wildlife Management, Conservation Biology, Human Dimensions or a closely related field. Candidates must demonstrate the capacity for grantsmanship and peer-reviewed publications. The acceptable candidate must have the ability to effectively deliver information to and collaborate with various stakeholder groups, and federal and state natural resource agencies. The candidate must be able to work in a team environment and have a strong record of developing multidisciplinary partnerships to achieve applied management objectives.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Postdoctoral or agency research experience, procurement of extramural funds to accomplish research, facilitation of graduate students, and mentoring and teaching experience.

APPLY: Applications must be submitted online at <http://explore.msujobs.msstate.edu/cw/en-us/listing/>;

position (PARF#499666) and should include a 1) cover letter, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) research statement and philosophy, 4) teaching statement and philosophy, and 5) names and contact information for three professional references.

For more additional information, contact search chair Dr. Dana Morin at: dana.morin@msstate.edu

Mississippi State University is a top-ranked research institution and the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture (WFA) has a strong applied focus in wildlife conservation and management. The USDA Wildlife Services National Training Academy (NTA) provides training in the safe and effective use of tools and techniques important to manage human wildlife conflicts, as well as the leadership and communication skills necessary to navigate society's complex values about wildlife. The NTA promotes a professional culture of excellence in wildlife damage management by developing, integrating, and enhancing safety, communication, and technical and administrative skills for all Wildlife Services employees.

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MSU is an equal opportunity employer, and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, ethnicity, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), national origin, disability status, age, sexual orientation, genetic information, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law. We always welcome nominations and applications from women, members of any minority group, and others who share our passion for building a diverse community that reflects the diversity in our student population.