Ecosystem Workforce Program, Institute for a Sustainable Environment
University of Oregon

POSITION OPENING: CAREER FACULTY RESEARCH ASSOCIATE
JOB DESCRIPTION

The Ecosystem Workforce Program is looking to fill a grant-contingent, non-tenure track faculty position. The successful applicant will participate in a wide variety of social science research to support sustainable rural development in forest-based communities. The position will involve developing, securing funding for, and conducting applied research, policy education, and other activities consistent with the program mission. The Ecosystem Workforce Program is a grant-funded program within the Institute for a Sustainable Environment at the University of Oregon that serves rural forest communities that face limited economic opportunity, political exclusion, and/or degraded landscape through applied research, technical assistance, and policy education. EWP’s applied research is wide ranging and includes analysis of federal forest and wildfire policy, political institutions, community-forest relations, social and economic equity, collaboration, labor markets and other political, economic, and social processes which influence the well-being of rural communities in the American West. More information about the Ecosystem Workforce Program can be found http://ewp.uoregon.edu.

Terms of Employment
This is a grant-contingent career non-tenure track faculty position. The successful candidate will have the rank of Research Associate. Initially, this position is full-time for one year, with potential for extension depending on funding availability and performance.

Essential Functions
This position will involve conducting social science research to support community-based forestry and sustainable rural development in the American West. The job will include developing, funding, and conducting applied research. Job duties will include conducting applied empirical research, managing research projects, writing briefing papers and syntheses for practitioners and journal articles for peer-reviewed outlets, and, as appropriate, supervising student workers. It will include conducting educational and outreach activities with natural resource policy makers, and development and dissemination of reports, tools, and resources to assist rural forest communities with collaboration and sustainable natural resource-based economic development. The incumbent is expected to actively generate funds to support the position for any extension beyond the initial contract period.

Minimum Qualifications
- A Ph.D. in applied natural resource social science in fields such as forestry, public policy, geography, political science, rural sociology, history, planning, anthropology or other related fields.
- Minimum three years of professional or educational experience with some combination of public lands policy and management, community-government relations, collaborative natural resource management, sustainable rural development, forestry or natural resource management, or related field.
• Demonstrated excellent oral and written communications skills, including ability to write publications for diverse audiences of policy makers, managers, and community leaders and for peer-reviewed journals.
• Knowledge/experience with qualitative and quantitative social science research methods.
• Experience working with diverse groups of stakeholders and resource managers or on research teams composed of scientists with diverse disciplinary backgrounds.
• Ability and willingness to travel regionally and nationally, including to remote rural communities.

Preferred Qualifications
• Knowledge/experience of community forestry, natural resource management, or related issues in the American West.
• Willingness and ability to learn new methods as need arises to conduct a wide variety of applied research projects.
• Willingness and ability to participate in proposal development and grant writing to fund position after the first year.
• Demonstrated self-motivation.
• Strong organizational skills.
• Ability to manage multiple projects and maintain overall program mission.
• Ability to work cooperatively in a team environment.

Location: University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon

Anticipated Start: Prefer August 1, 2014, although this somewhat is negotiable.

To apply: Please email your application to Dorothy Bollman at dbollman@uoregon.edu. Please include all of the items in a single PDF file in the order below. Please indicate “career research associate” in the subject line of the email.

1. Application cover page: (http://ups.uoregon.edu/sites/ups.uoregon.edu/files/EmplAppShort%20rev.pdf)
2. Letter of interest that describes your interest in and qualifications to work with the Ecosystem Workforce Program
3. Curriculum vita/resume
4. The names, affiliations, phone numbers, and email addresses of three references
5. Writing sample

If you have questions about the position, contact Cassandra Moseley, EWP Director, at cmoseley@uoregon.edu.

To ensure consideration please submit applications by July 10, 2014, but the position will remain open until filled.

About University of Oregon

The University of Oregon is located in the scenic Willamette Valley, with easy access to snow-
capped mountains and scenic coastlines, two hours south of Portland. The beautiful campus is located in Eugene, which is known for organic foods, active neighborhoods, and has some of the highest walking, biking and transit user rates in the country. The University of Oregon provides excellent benefits, including comprehensive medical and dental insurance coverage, retirement plans, and paid leave policies.

The University of Oregon is an equal-opportunity, affirmative-action institution committed to cultural diversity and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The successful candidate will support and enhance a diverse learning and working environment.