Assistant Professor of Biology - Environmental Biology

The Department of Biology at Rhodes College seeks qualified applicants for a tenure-track faculty position to begin in August of 2018. The Department invites candidates who can contribute to the goal of diversifying our faculty. Candidates must have a Ph.D. and must have a background and expertise within an area broadly defined as Conservation Biology, Ecology, or Environmental Science. Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to teaching in a liberal arts environment as well as to maintaining an active research program that engages undergraduate students. Teaching responsibilities will include five lectures/labs per year (labs count as a full teaching involvement). These will normally include an introductory course in Environmental Science, plus an upper-level Conservation Biology course suitable for Biology and Environmental Science majors. Other teaching opportunities include senior seminar and participation in the introductory biology course covering organismal topics.

The Department of Biology maintains an active partnership with the Memphis Zoo and is an affiliate of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory. Nearby field sites include Overton Park, Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park, Shelby Farms, and the Wolf River wetlands. The successful applicant will participate in the interdisciplinary Environmental Studies and Sciences program, and we encourage applications from individuals whose interests go beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries.

Please apply online at jobs.rhodes.edu. Completed applications will include a letter of application, a statement of teaching philosophy, a research plan, a curriculum vitae, copies of graduate and undergraduate transcripts, and three letters of recommendation. Your application must also include a statement that addresses your interest in teaching at a liberal arts college and how your experiences with teaching, scholarship, and/or service might contribute to a college community that includes a commitment to diversity and inclusion as one of its core values. Review of completed applications will begin September 29, 2017 and will continue until the position is filled. Candidates from backgrounds typically underrepresented in higher education are strongly encouraged to apply. The online application system will solicit letters of recommendation electronically from the candidate’s recommenders, once their contact information has been entered by the candidate and all other required application materials have been submitted. Background checks are required before candidates can be brought to campus for interviews.
For additional information regarding the position, please contact Dr. Carolyn Jaslow, Chair of the Search Committee, at cjaslow@rhodes.edu.

Founded in 1848, Rhodes College is a highly selective, private, residential, undergraduate liberal arts college, located in Memphis, Tennessee. We aspire to graduate students with a lifelong passion for learning, a compassion for others, and the ability to translate academic study and personal concern into effective leadership and action in their communities and the world. We encourage applications from candidates interested in helping us achieve this vision.

Rhodes College values an inclusive and welcoming environment. We are an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity (http://handbook.rhodes.edu/diversity) in the workforce.

Memphis has a metropolitan population of over one million and provides multiple opportunities for research and for cultural and recreational activities. http://www.rhodes.edu/content/our-city.