Tenure-track Position in Soil Science - SUNY Plattsburgh Center for Earth and Environmental Science

Assistant Professor, Earth and Environmental Science

The Center for Earth and Environmental Science (CEES) at the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh seeks to fill an environmental science tenure-track assistant professor position focusing on soil science effective August 2019. CEES is widely recognized for its applied and community-based research initiatives. We are an interdisciplinary department with faculty trained in the natural and social aspects of environmental science. We seek an environmental scientist interested in collaborating with our faculty and complementing our current areas of scholarship in ecology, geology, hydrology, environmental policy and urban planning, sustainable communities, air quality, and climate change. We pride ourselves on providing students with rigorous experiential learning and community-based research opportunities, as well as opportunities to present their work at regional and national conferences and in scholarly publications. The successful candidate will be committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service in an institution dedicated primarily to undergraduate education. They will be expected to demonstrate an understanding of and sensitivity to diversity and gender issues, as SUNY Plattsburgh is committed to ensuring that its graduates are educated to succeed in an increasingly complex, multicultural and interdependent world.

SUNY Plattsburgh is situated on Lake Champlain and is a gateway to the six-million acre Adirondack Park, the largest state-protected area in the contiguous United States. It is an hour drive to Montreal, QC and Burlington, VT. CEES maintains active relationships with government agencies and environmental NGOs throughout the Adirondack Region and the Lake Champlain Basin, as well as the William H. Miner Agricultural Institute. The Lake Champlain Research Institute, housed on campus, also offers many opportunities for collaboration. These partnerships and our unique geographic setting create a vibrant context for applied and experiential learning in the earth and environmental sciences, including numerous long-term maintained field sites. CEES courses and research projects take advantage of all that the Lake Champlain-Adirondack region has to offer.

Responsibilities: Responsibilities include teaching, scholarship, and service. Faculty are expected to undertake scholarship leading to professional growth and student research experiences. Additional responsibilities include advising students and service to the department and university.

The principal teaching duty of this position is a field-based course in soil science. Additional courses may include environmental chemistry, environmental technology, chemical instrumentation, environmental science seminar, or environmental geotechnology, dependent on candidate specialty and departmental need. Candidates may have the opportunity to develop courses in their area of specialization, participate in the Master’s program, and teach in the Applied Environmental Science Program at the William H. Miner Agricultural Institute. Candidates may be asked to teach courses in a distance learning format.

Required Qualifications: A Ph.D. in an environmental science or related discipline is required at time of appointment. ABDs will be considered for appointment at a lesser (qualified) rank and salary, upon proof that the applicant’s defense of his/her dissertation will be scheduled within the first year of appointment. A successful ABD applicant will receive promotion to the rank of Assistant Professor and a salary increment at the start of the semester following verification of the terminal degree completion. An ABD hire will be limited to a one-year appointment, subject to
renewal for one year only (2 years maximum). The successful candidate will have demonstrated the ability to work effectively and collegially with faculty, staff, and administrators.

Preferred Qualifications: Candidates with lab or field-based expertise in biogeochemical and/or physical aspects of soil science. Preference will be given to candidates with documented evidence of college-level teaching effectiveness, willingness to engage undergraduate students in research and applied learning techniques, and experience working in interdisciplinary settings.

How to Apply: Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Application materials received by November 9 will be guaranteed full consideration. Please apply to http://jobs.plattsburgh.edu/postings/9662 and include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, unofficial transcript, and contact information for 3 current references. Additional information may be requested at a later step in the process. Official transcripts from an accredited institution will be required prior to employment.

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