Assistant Professor of Biology

West Texas A&M University

# Canyon, Texas

West Texas A&M University, a Member of The Texas A&M University System located in Canyon, Texas, invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Biology (60% teaching, 35% research, 5% service). This full time (9 month) position at West Texas A&M University will include responsibilities in teaching (9 ACH/semester), research, and service supportive of the biology, wildlife biology, environmental science, and Biology Education programs. Teaching duties will include existing or new courses within the successful candidate's area of expertise at the undergraduate and graduate levels, particularly related to area of ecology and aquatic biology. Candidates with expertise in the application of modern field and molecular methods to the study of natural populations (e.g. ecology, aquatic biology, evolutionary biology, or wildlife biology) are encouraged to apply. The successful candidate is expected to conduct research in some area of ecology or aquatic biology and be amendable to collaboration with other faculty on relevant projects; attract and secure extramural funding; publish in genuine peer reviewed journals; attend professional meetings; provide academic advisement to undergraduate and graduate students; engage students in research; and develop and deliver effective educational programs to the community.

**Primary Responsibilities include:**

* Teaching selected undergraduate and graduate courses, such as General Biology, Aquatic Biology, and Limnology with the possibility of developing new courses based on candidate's experience and expertise.
* Developing a dynamic research program by attracting new grants and opportunities that would allow undergraduate and graduate student participation.
* Conducting professional service for the institution, academic field, and community.
* Recruiting students for the undergraduate and graduate programs in Life, Earth, & Environmental Sciences
* Advising students on matters of degree plans, course scheduling, and other academic matters

**Necessary Qualifications:**

* An earned Ph.D. in Biology or related area from an accredited institution. ABD will not be considered.
* Demonstrated experience and excellence in teaching related to the courses listed above.
* Willingness to teach 9 adjusted contact hours (ACH) per semester.
* Experience in seeking/obtaining funding (including documentation of awards and amounts).
* Competency in research, as evidenced by publications (full citations) in genuine peer-reviewed journals.
* Excellent quantitative, computer, written, and oral communication skills.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

* Familiarity with the diversity of modern ecological techniques/methodology.
* Demonstrated experience in seeking/obtaining extramural funding (including documentation of awards and amounts).
* Demonstrated ability and skills in leadership, mentoring, and building teamwork.
* Experience in developing collaborative research with other scientists, research centers and/or agencies and organizations.

**Special Instructions:**   
Review of applications will begin Nov. 1, 2021 and continue until the position is filled. Position is available beginning in the fall semester of 2022. Salary and benefits are competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.  **Interested applicants may apply at jobs.wtamu.edu.**

West Texas A&M University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Veterans/Disability Employer.

All positions are security-sensitive. Applicants are subject to a criminal history investigation, and employment is contingent upon the institution’s verification of credentials and/or other information required by the institution’s procedures, including the completion of the criminal history check.

Texas law requires that males, age 18 through 25, be registered w/Selective Service.