Term Research Assistant Professor

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CLASSIFICATION: Term Assistant Professor (F9)
GRADE: UNAC Grade 30
WORK TYPE: Faculty Full-time
ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT: University of Alaska Anchorage
SCHOOL/BUSINESS UNIT: UAA College of Arts & Sciences
LOCATION: Homer
CATEGORIES: Education/Instructional, Research/Science/Grants

Position Summary:

Regular, Full-Time, Research Faculty located at Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) in Homer, AK. Continuation of employment is dependent upon program/operational needs, satisfactory work performance, availability of funds, and compliance with applicable Federal/State laws. This position will lead the Reserve’s Research Program and work closely with all members of the Reserve’s team. Primarily this position will be responsible for coordinating the Reserve’s research opportunities and products and implementing Reserve research programs as administered by the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS) and as mandated by the Kachemak Bay NERR. Tasks will include but are not limited to, leading the water quality and oceanographic monitoring, developing new research opportunities, and coordinating and implementing system-wide Monitoring Program data collection and reporting, engaging with Reserve partners, including federal, state, borough, city, tribal and non-profit partners. For this position to be full time this position must serve as a Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-PI on extramurally funded projects. Applicants must have strong communication skills for this position and will work closely with all members of the Reserve’s team for program development. Applicants must have an advanced degree and three to five years of experience to apply. KBNERR is part of a national network of 29 reserves that are supported through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and a state partner. KBNERR’s state partner is UAA Alaska Center for Conservation Science (ACCS). Our work is dedicated to conducting research, monitoring, education, training, and community engagement that bring understanding of regional ecosystems, and to assist people in making informed decisions that promote conservation and stewardship. Apply to this position to join our team!

Duties:

Data Management a. Work to ensure that the Reserves data is documented (metadata) and accessible.
Education and Training support a. Mentor undergraduate and graduate students b. Coordinate with Kenai Peninsula College, and other UAA departments on student opportunities and courses
KBNERR Staff Engagement a. Identify needs and opportunities for KBNERR research projects to engage with education and training. b. Participate in weekly staff meetings
Lab and Vehicle Oversight a. Track on KBNERR’s boat and vehicle maintenance, and work with KBNERR technicians to make sure maintenance, safety and use needs are addressed.
National Engagement a. Participate in Research sector meetings b. Serve on Research initiatives that are of interest to the RC personally and would benefit KBNERR c. Serve on NERR system initiative task forces that are of interest to the RC personally and would benefit KBNERR
Project Management a. Lead and manage all aspects of research projects including budgeting, supervising field work, data analysis, reporting.
Proposals a. Lead/collaborate on proposals that would advance needed science
Regional Engagement a. Engage with the City, Borough and other government agencies to build understanding of research needs that KBNERR can fulfill b. Serve on the Kachemak Bay State Parks Advisory Committee c. Participate in quarterly Council meetings d. Engage with the Council Res Subcommittee
Reporting a. Provide semi annual progress reports for NOAA Ops b. Keep the NERR system database up to date on CTP data c. Maintain the Reserves volunteer database d. Provide quarterly report updates for Council meetings e. Participate in annual review of KBNERR’s Mgt Plan
UAA Engagement a. Provide opportunities for UAA students to engage in research projects as interns and graduate students

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/ABILITIES:
Candidates must have documented, successful experience conducting biological or oceanographic research at the university level, publishing peer-reviewed manuscripts, display the capacity to write and acquire grants, experience managing research projects, and mentoring students. A willingness to work with a diverse student population and capacity to collaborate with, and communicate effectively with other university and agency scientists and the public is required.

TYPICAL EXPERIENCE:
Typical experience includes: University-level research, publishing in peer-reviewed journals, acquiring extramural funding, and mentoring students.

REQUIRED EDUCATION OR TRAINING:
Ph.D. in Biological Sciences, Oceanography or related field

To Apply:
*To be eligible for this position, applicants must be legally authorized for unrestricted employment in the United States. No work visas will be sponsored for this position.
  • To ensure your application is considered, apply by 11:55pm Alaska Standard Time, April 3, 2022. The Review Date is set for April 4, 2022.
To be considered, please include the following required documents in your application:
  o Resume
  o Cover letter
  o Three professional references

Union Representation:
This position is represented by United Academics (UNAC).

Term Position:
This position is term funded and is reviewed annual for contract renewal at the University's discretion.