

Two curatorial positions at the Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida

The University of Florida is launching a cross-disciplinary Biodiversity Initiative that will improve our understanding of biological diversity and its impacts on human society. As part of this initiative, two curatorial positions will be filled at the Florida Museum of Natural History at the level of Associate or Full Curator (equivalent to Associate or Full Professor). The anticipated start date is August 2015. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience.

Successful applicants will be expected to conduct dynamic, externally funded research programs incorporating biodiversity collections-based data or other 'Big Data' and models to improve our understanding of conservation biology or other environmental issues such as climate change, invasive species, habitat modification, and ecosystem services; or improve our understanding of the history of life and our ability to address questions in comparative biology such as those related to the origin, persistence and extinction of lineages and biogeographic patterns; or improve our ability to provide data on species identifications and distributions, habitat preferences, and other information to resource managers, agricultural scientists, and industry.

Preference will be given to applicants working with collections-based data on fishes, amphibians or reptiles, but those with other taxonomic interests are welcome to apply. Successful candidates for these positions will have a proven track record of publications in top scientific journals, an independently established research program and significant evidence of success in obtaining extramural funding. The positions require a Ph.D. degree in the biological sciences or related field. Experience with building and curating museum collections is preferred.

Applications are due by November 2, 2014. To be considered, all applications must be submitted on-line at <https://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/57038>. The application, submitted entirely as a pdf file, must include: (1) cover letter; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) statement of research, collections, teaching, and outreach experiences, visions, and goals; (4) reprints of no more than five publications; and (5) the names and email addresses of three colleagues who might be contacted for letters of recommendation.

The University of Florida is one of the most comprehensive high-quality public universities in the country. UF is a land grant, sea grant, and space grant university and on-campus home to the most comprehensive academic health center in the southeastern US. The Biodiversity Initiative will leverage extraordinary data resources, one of the nation's largest natural history museums, and a strong collaborative culture across all disciplines. UF counts among its greatest strengths -- and a major component of its excellence - that it values broad diversity in its faculty, students, and staff and creates a robust, inclusive and welcoming climate for learning, research and other work. UF is committed to equal educational and employment opportunity and access and seeks individuals of all races, ethnicities, genders and other attributes who, among their many exceptional qualifications, have a record of including a broad diversity of individuals in work and learning activities. The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution.

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