

The Department of Biological Sciences at Mississippi State University invites applications for a 9--month tenure--track faculty position in *Community Ecology*. We seek a candidate that will complement existing strengths and allow for new collaborations in both the department and across Mississippi State University. Faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences have diverse research interests in bioinformatics, cell biology, developmental biology, ecology, evolutionary biology, genetics, microbiology, physiology, and systematics and are typically funded by the NIH, NSF, USDA, and USGS, as well as numerous private foundations. We particularly encourage candidates who take an integrative approach to address the role of indirect effects in biological communities to apply.

Appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor, with a start date of August 16, 2015. Successful candidates are expected to develop an externally funded research program, direct graduate students, and contribute to the teaching and service missions of the department at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Minimum requirements include a Ph.D. in a relevant area of Biology or Ecology, post--- doctoral experience, evidence of sustained scholarly productivity, and evidence of teaching competence.

Mississippi State University is a comprehensive land--grant university that serves more than 20,000 students. The university is classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a "very high research activity" university, placing it among the nation's leading major research universities. Campus research infrastructure includes remote sensing and GIS expertise in the Geosystems Research Institute (<http://www.gri.msstate.edu/>), computing resources, proteomics and genomics equipment at the Institute for Genomics, Biocomputing & Biotechnology (<http://www.igbb.msstate.edu/>), computing resources and computational and statistical expertise at the Center for Computational Sciences (<http://www.ccs.msstate.edu/>), Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE, NIH), and microscopy and imaging through the Institute for Imaging and Analytical Technologies (<http://www.i2at.msstate.edu/>). The Biological Sciences department offers degrees at the B.S. (Biological Sciences, Medical Technology, and Microbiology), M.S. (Biological Sciences thesis and General Biology non--thesis) and Ph.D. (Biological Sciences) levels. Research space in Harned Hall was recently renovated providing modern facilities for cutting--edge research. Additional details on the department can be accessed at www.biology.msstate.edu.

To apply, submit a CV, statement of research expertise and goals (2--page maximum), a statement of teaching interests and competency (2--page maximum), three letters of reference, and reprints of up to 3 publications. These materials should be submitted to applicants@biology.msstate.edu. Applicants should also complete the Personal Data Information Form associated with this position at www.jobs.msstate.edu (position #8448). Screening of applications will begin November 7, 2014 and will continue until the position is filled. We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law. Females and minorities are encouraged to apply.