The Department of Ecosystem Science & Management at the University of Wyoming (ESM; uwyo.edu/esm) is an interdisiplinary department offering degrees in Soil Science, Entomology, Agroecology, Rangeland Ecology and Watershed Management. We are recruiting a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Soil Microbiology. This is a 9-month appointment with a 45% research, 45% teaching and 10% service split. We are seeking a candidate who can bridge basic and applied research and will use knowledge of soil microbial processes in conjunction with state-of-the-art techniques to develop a nationally recognized research program. This position is expected to contribute to existing UW research and expertise in agriculture, ecology, hydrology, rangeland management, and restoration of disturbed lands. The incumbent will teach two courses in the REWM and Agroecology programs (including a senior level course in Soil Microbiology) and develop a graduate course in the candidate's area of expertise. The incumbent is also expected to advise undergraduate students and mentor graduate students. The service component includes outreach to natural resource management, agriculture and energy sectors in the State and university-wide activities. The successful candidate is required to have an earned PhD at the time of hire in soil microbiology or a closely related area and evidence of research productivity in the form of peer reviewed journal publications. Preferred qualifications include: evidence of teaching experience; demonstration of succesful grantsmanship; post-doctoral experience; and evidence of interdisciplinary research. Applicants are expected to develop and maintain an externally funded research program, work productively in collaborative teams, conduct field-based research, and communicate scientific findings to a wide range of audiences.

To apply, send a CV, statements of research and teaching interests, and contact information of three references as a single PDF file via email to the search chair, Dr. Ginger Paige, Dept. Of Ecosystem Science & Management, University of Wyoming at gpaige@uwyo.edu.

Review of applications will begin on March 15, 2015, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The intended start for the postion is August 2015. The University of Wyoming is located in Laramie, a town of 30,000 in the Rocky Mountains.

Located on the High Plains between the Laramie Range and Snowy Range mountains, Laramie has excellent access to public lands that provide great opportunities for summer and winter outdoor recreation. The community benefits from a major university and a distinctive identity as an important city in a frontier state. Laramie is 1-3 hours away from Colorado's major cities and other university communities along the Front Range.

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