Title: Clinical Assistant Professor of Teaching and Learning in Forestry and Natural Resources

Position Summary:

The Department of Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) at Purdue University is seeking a Clinical Assistant Professor with a focus on instructional responsibilities. This is a non-tenure-track, academic-year (9-month) appointment with summer appointment possibilities. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with qualifications. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in natural resources (wildlife, aquatic science, and/or forestry) and education using evidence-based pedagogy.

Responsibilities:

Specific responsibilities include teaching undergraduate courses in the Department (12-credit or contact hours per semester, which translates to approximately 5-7 courses per year depending on course size and lab/field components), teaching at our Summer Field Practicum, and mentorship of student organizations. Potential exists for teaching distance courses. The successful candidate will explore opportunities for extramural funding that aims at excellence in teaching and learning focused on innovative instruction. Opportunities and support for international learning experiences through study abroad courses also exist within the Department and College of Agriculture. This position will play an important role in the Department community; engaging in service and outreach responsibilities both within and outside of FNR and participation in FNR undergraduate curriculum discussions and strategic planning is expected. Developing and publishing scholarship of teaching and learning is also expected over time.

Department Resources and Forests:

The Department conducts teaching, research, and extension in forestry, wildlife science, and aquatic science, with social sciences integrated throughout the curriculum and research/extension areas. The Department includes approximately 30 faculty, 58 staff members supporting extension, teaching, research and administration, 290 undergraduate students, and 70 graduate students. Research centers include the Center for Digital Forestry, the Center for Global Soundscapes, and iScience, a collaborative effort to collect the world's largest database of forest biodiversity. The Department owns 20 forests used for teaching, research, and extension/outreach throughout the state of Indiana with 3 properties located within a short (< 10 min) drive from campus, and additionally contributes to work at a number of other forests owned by the College of Agriculture. The Department also has extensive research facilities on and off campus, including the Wildlife Ecology Research Facility and the Aquatic Research Facility. FNR faculty and staff maintain active collaborations with colleagues across campus, conservation and extension experts and agencies in Indiana and throughout the Midwest, and colleagues around the U.S. and globally.

The Department is an integral part of the College of Agriculture at Purdue University, Indiana's Land Grant university. The Department is deeply committed to the three land-grant missions (teaching, research, and extension), as well as to international activities and perspectives that span all missions, and to excellence in all we do. The College is one of the world's leading colleges of agricultural, food, forestry, and natural resource sciences, and is

ranked fifth in the 2023 QS World University Rankings. The College of Agriculture and the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources are committed to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. Our leadership, faculty, staff, and students are engaged in many efforts that are consistent with this commitment. Purdue is an ADVANCE institution (https://www.purdue.edu/advance-purdue/). The College has 11 academic departments, including 309 faculty, 2,889 undergraduate students, and 700 graduate students. The College's current strategic plan can be accessed at Strategic Plan (purdue.edu).

Resources at Purdue and West Lafayette/Lafayette Indiana:

Purdue University is home to a vibrant, diverse and engaged community of scholars, teachers, outreach and other specialists and across many fields, with a large international presence. In addition, West Lafayette and the surrounding region are home to striking natural parks, wetland and upland wildlife preserves, and hiking trails. We have excellent K-12 public schools and many community amenities. Excellent restaurants from a variety of cultures, and music, university and community theater and other arts are part of the Lafayette/West Lafayette community, not to mention (but we will) Big 10 basketball and football (Go Boilermakers!). We are 2 hours from a major international airport in Chicago, and just over 1 hour from the Indianapolis airport which serves the U.S. and a few international destinations.

Qualifications:

The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. in Wildlife Science, Forestry, Aquatic Sciences, Conservation Biology, Ecology, or a closely related field. This must be satisfied by employment start date. Demonstrated experience as an instructor of record and excellence and expertise in teaching is essential. Demonstrated expertise in teaching wildlife sciences, conservation and/or aquatic sciences or forestry is desirable. A background check is required for employment in this position.

Application Procedures:

Candidates should submit the following materials: 1) a cover letter; 2) a detailed curriculum vitae; 3) a statement highlighting the candidate's teaching philosophy, experience, or other noteworthy contributions and 4) mentoring philosophy, and 5) the names and contact information for three individuals from which we may solicit letters of reference.

All materials must be combined into one pdf and submitted electronically:
https://careers.purdue.edu/job-invite/30900/

Review of applications will begin April 29, 2024 and continue until the position is filled.
For additional information, please contact the chair of the search committee, Dr. Barny Dunning (jdunning@purdue.edu)

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