

Assistant Professor, Arthropod Evolution/Ecology Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Connecticut

Job Summary: The University of Connecticut (UConn) is entering a transformational period of growth supported by the \$1.7B <u>Next Generation Connecticut</u> and the \$1B <u>Bioscience Connecticut</u> investments and a bold new <u>Academic Plan</u>: Path to Excellence. As part of these initiatives, UConn has hired more than 450 new faculty at all ranks during the past three years. We are pleased to continue these investments by inviting applications for a tenure-track faculty position in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the rank of Assistant Professor.

The Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Connecticut seeks a researcher who uses innovative approaches to address fundamental evolutionary or ecological questions using arthropods as a study system. We especially encourage applications from individuals working in one or more of the following areas: population and evolutionary genomics, species interactions, functional and behavioral biology, population biology, biodiversity, paleobiology, diversification, and adaptation.

This position builds on Departmental strengths in organismal biology, ecology, evolution, systematics, and conservation biology. The Department offers a highly collaborative environment at a top public research university that is committed to fostering a diverse, inclusive academic community. More information about the Department can be found at http://www.eeb.uconn.edu.

The successful candidate will be expected to supervise an independent research program that will attract extramural funding; teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels; provide research training for graduate and undergraduate students; and offer professional service to the Department and University. The successful candidate will share a commitment to effective instruction at the undergraduate and graduate levels, development of innovative courses, and mentoring of students in research, outreach and professional development. The successful candidate will also be expected to broaden participation among members of under-represented groups; engage diverse groups and draw upon their experiences through research, teaching, and/or public engagement; and exhibit skill in using pedagogical techniques designed to meet the needs of individuals with diverse backgrounds, learning styles and intellectual interests.

Minimum Qualifications: The successful candidate will have a minimum of two first-authored publications related to arthropod evolution/ecology and have earned a Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Entomology, or a related field by time of appointment. Equivalent foreign degrees are acceptable.

Preferred Qualifications: Potential to establish a nationally recognized research program using arthropods to answer fundamental ecological or evolutionary questions; research program that complements and expands the Department's strengths; evidence of or potential for excellence in teaching and mentoring; commitment to fostering and supporting diversity in the Department and University; broad training in arthropod biology; relevant postdoctoral experience.

Appointment Terms: This is a full-time, 9-month, tenure-track Assistant Professor position with an anticipated start date of August 23rd, 2016.

To Apply: Follow the 'Faculty Positions' link at http://jobs.uconn.edu, which will redirect you to Academic Jobs Online. Please submit the following: 1) a cover letter addressing qualifications, including a description of experience with and commitment to enhancing diversity; 2) curriculum vitae; 3) a summary of research accomplishments and future research objectives (3 pages maximum); and 4) a description of teaching experience, interests, and approach (2 pages maximum). Additionally, please follow the instructions in Academic Jobs Online to direct at least three reference writers to submit letters of reference on your behalf. To ensure full consideration, applications should be received by November 2, 2015. We request that all reference letters also be received by this date. Employment of the successful candidate is contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment criminal background check. (Search # 2016155)

Questions about the position may be directed to Elizabeth Jockusch.

All employees are subject to adherence to the <u>State Code of Ethics</u>.

The University of Connecticut is committed to building and supporting a multicultural and diverse community of students, faculty and staff. The diversity of students, faculty and staff continues to increase, as does the number of honors students, valedictorians and salutatorians who consistently make UConn their top choice. More than 100 research centers and institutes serve the University's teaching, research, diversity, and outreach missions, leading to UConn's ranking as one of the nation's top research universities. UConn's faculty and staff are the critical link to fostering and expanding our vibrant, multicultural and diverse University community. As an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer, UConn encourages applications from women, veterans, people with disabilities and members of traditionally underrepresented populations.