

Faculty position in Life Science Education

Appointment: Academic year appointment (10-month); at the level of assistant professor; tenure-track position

Position Description: The successful candidate will serve as a faculty member in the Department of Youth Development and Agricultural Education. Responsibilities include: developing an externally funded research program to support research in youth, informal, life science education; developing and evaluating strategies designed to enhance the scientific literacy of Indiana youth; undergraduate and graduate teaching; and outreach and engagement efforts related to informal life science education. The successful candidate is expected to participate in cross-discipline research, and collaborations within the university system and outside with related partners.

Qualifications: Candidates must have an earned Ph.D. with a B.S. or M.S. in a science discipline. An advanced degree focused on teaching methodology, assessment, or pedagogy is required. Familiarity with life science-related education of youth in informal settings is essential. The successful candidate must be able to conduct and publish high quality research, be able to work effectively in a team environment, and have excellent oral and written communication skills.

Salary: Competitive and commensurate with experience and training

Effective: Screening of applications will begin November 1, 2006, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. A start date of August 13, 2007 is preferred but may be negotiated, if necessary.

Department: The Department of Youth Development and Agricultural Education is comprised of three major educational programs: an undergraduate and graduate program in Agricultural Education; an undergraduate program in Agricultural Communication; and the State 4-H Youth program. The department has 11 faculty members, 13 academic professionals, 140 undergraduates (95 in Agricultural Education and 45 in Agricultural Communication), and 60 graduate students.

Application Process: Interested applicants should submit a letter of application, a current curriculum vitae; a brief narrative summary outlining experience, professional goals, and qualifications for this position; a brief description of experience in outreach, teaching, and research; published (or pending) papers/proceedings/abstracts and the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of three professional references who may be contacted for recommendations. Send requested materials to:

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