Assistant Professor of Disease Ecology

The Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology (EEOB) invites applications for a 9-month tenure-track faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the area of Disease Ecology, starting July 1, 2024. Candidates should address key topics in the ecology and evolution of directly transmitted or vector-borne infectious disease in human or wildlife populations, including but not limited to: factors and interactions influencing the transmission of emerging infectious diseases; host movement or behavior as they relate to pathogen transmission; spatial processes influencing disease invasion or persistence; disease dynamics in multi-host or multi-vector systems; population dynamics, genetics and immunology of hosts or reservoir species; links between global change and disease dynamics; feedback between ecological and evolutionary dynamics; or the cultural, social, behavioral, and economic dimensions of pathogen transmission and disease. Approaches to studying the ecological patterns and/or processes of disease can include experimental, theoretical, comparative, behavioral, immunological–microbiological, biogeographic–macroecological, and vector- and disturbance-focused perspectives. Candidates proficient in the application of advanced statistical and epidemiological modeling approaches are encouraged.

The successful candidate will join a vibrant community of researchers in the EEOB Department and its graduate program, as well as across several life sciences programs and a medical school. These include the GGB (Genetics, Genomics, and Bioinformatics), Plant Pathology, Microbiology, and Entomology graduate programs, all of which involve outstanding interdepartmental groups of faculty. Other collaborative research groups on campus include the Center for Conservation Biology, the Institute for Integrative Genome Biology, and the Environmental Dynamics and GeoEcology (EDGE) Institute. The successful candidate will have access to genomics, proteomics, metabolomics, and microscopy cores, a stem cell core facility, a high-performance computing cluster, and the UC Natural Reserve System, an outstanding network of field stations in diverse California ecosystems. Consult https://eeob.ucr.edu for further details.

Applicants will be expected to develop a creative, extramurally funded research program. Teaching responsibilities may include participation in existing courses in introductory biology, ecology and evolution, development of new curricula related to disease ecology, and supervision of graduate and undergraduate students. A Ph.D. in biology, ecology, evolution or a related field is required along with demonstrated research excellence; postdoc experience is preferred.

To apply: Please submit a Curriculum Vitae, Cover Letter, Statement of Research, Statement of Teaching, Statement of Past and/or Planned Future Contributions to Advancing Diversity and Inclusive Excellence, and up to three reprints to https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF JPF01846. In addition, applicants should request that three letters of recommendation be submitted through this site. Evaluation of applications will begin on January 20, 2024 and proceed until the position is filled. For full consideration, applicants should submit their complete applications prior to the above date.

For more information about the position, please contact Dr. Helen Regan, Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology, University of California, Riverside, helen.regan@ucr.edu.

For inquiries regarding the application process, please contact Melissa Resendez, Academic Personnel, melissa.resendez@ucr.edu.

The University of California, Riverside is a world-class research university with an exceptionally diverse undergraduate student body. UCR is a member institution of the American Association of Universities (AAU) as well as the Alliance of Hispanic Serving Research Universities (HRSU). Its
mission is explicitly linked to providing routes to educational success for underrepresented and first-generation college students. A commitment to this mission is a preferred qualification.

Advancement through the faculty ranks at the University of California is through a series of structured, merit-based evaluations, occurring every 2-3 years, each of which includes substantial peer input.

The University of California is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

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