



St. Mary's College of Maryland, Environmental Studies

Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies

St. Mary's College of Maryland, a highly-selective, nationally-ranked, residential, four-year liberal arts public honors college located on the Chesapeake Bay 70 miles southeast of Washington, D.C., invites applications for a three-year, full-time, Visiting Assistant Professor in Environmental Studies starting August 2015. The successful applicant will be an outstanding teacher, a rigorous scholar, and an innovative member of our growing academic community.

We are especially interested in an individual with teaching interests focused on the intersection of science and policy. A strong candidate will have a PhD before August 2015, previous experience teaching in a liberal arts context, and a high level of commitment to creative, undergraduate education. Teaching and advising responsibilities include six courses per year at the introductory, intermediate, and/or advanced levels; advising environmental studies students and independent student projects; involving students in research and conference activities; and helping to create local, national, and international field-studies opportunities. Examples of desirable courses include but are not limited to environmental science; quantitative field methods; GIS applications; environmental law, policy, or governance; natural resource science, policy, and management (preferably concentrating on estuarine or coastal systems); citizen science and environmental justice; and energy policy.

St. Mary's currently has a large, popular, and dynamic minor in environmental studies. We are most interested in finding a colleague equipped to help expand our program into a major. Competitive candidates will bridge environmental studies and sciences with policy and decision-making. Diverse disciplinary backgrounds are welcome. Expertise in coastal and wetlands ecology, spatial analysis of climate change response, or resource management is highly desired. Additional attractive qualifications include: demonstrated ability to work collaboratively in an interdisciplinary environment; evidenced ability to help students and community partners identify, analyze, and participate in real-world problem-solving; and success in securing external funding to support research and program development. Research and recreational opportunities abound on the banks of the Chesapeake Bay and by virtue of our proximity to Washington, D.C. and Baltimore.

Application Instructions

To apply, applicants must submit the following materials:

- a cover letter (describing academic interests, experience, and brief description of potential courses)
- a CV
- a brief teaching statement
- evidence of teaching and leadership effectiveness
- list of at least three references, with contact information

Review of applications will begin March 1 2015 and continue until the position is filled. Employment will be contingent upon successful completion of a criminal background check.

For questions about this position, please contact Professor Sue Johnson, Chair, Search Committee at sjohnson@smcm.edu