LECTURER IN ARBORICULTURE & URBAN FORESTRY

Department of Environmental Conservation
University of Massachusetts Amherst

The Department of Environmental Conservation at the University of Massachusetts Amherst (http://eco.umass.edu/) invites applications for a full-time (9-month academic-year) non-tenure-track appointment as Lecturer in Arboriculture & Urban Forestry. Although it is a non-tenure eligible appointment, it does offer an initial appointment for two years and is renewable based on performance and program need. We seek an outstanding candidate with leadership, management, industry experience, advising/mentoring, and teaching skills and who cares deeply about undergraduate education in Arboriculture & Urban Forestry.

The person in this position will teach four courses annually in a traditional format and online, and coordinate the required arboriculture internship experience. Additional responsibilities include: management of the undergraduate program in Arboriculture & Urban Forestry, including advising students in the two- and four-year degree programs; student recruiting on and off campus; and organizing and maintaining information for majors concerning scholarships, internships and career opportunities. We also expect the person to work closely with relevant trade and professional associations to enhance continuing education opportunities for professionals via development and coordination of an online program. Work outside of regular hours (2-3 times per semester) is required to assist with Campus Open House activities and outreach; summer teaching opportunities may be available.

Candidates must have a Master’s, a Ph.D. is preferred, in Arboriculture, Urban Forestry or other closely related field. Relevant professional experience in the field is required, preferably ISA (or another) certification. Candidates should demonstrate expertise in one or more of the following fields: transplanting, fertilizing, pruning, support systems, tree risk assessment, integrated vegetation management, tree appraisal, benefits of trees, urban forest management, or plant health care. A candidate must demonstrate excellence in oral and written communications; teaching (university level is desirable); interdisciplinary problem-solving; and the ability to transfer knowledge and technology into practice.

The successful candidate will be creative and demonstrate a team-player attitude. They must be able to develop and execute new programs and initiate new classes within an academic setting. They must have a commitment to collaboration between faculty, students, staff, and partners in industry and government. The successful candidate will serve, as do all other faculty, as a mentor to minorities and other underrepresented groups within the Department. The University of Massachusetts Amherst places special emphases on faculty-student interaction and a commitment to teach and attract a diverse student body.

APPLICATION: Earliest start date is September 1, 2018. Review of applications will begin May 11, 2018. The position will remain open until filled. Applicants should submit curriculum vitae, statements of teaching and extension goals, and the names, addresses and contact information of three references. Materials must be submitted online to:

http://umass.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=96420

Specific questions about this search may be directed to:

Richard Harper (rharper@eco.umass.edu), search committee chair

Our department hosts a multi-disciplinary group of faculty with nationally ranked programs in Building and Construction Technology, Natural Resources Conservation, Environmental Science, and Sustainability Science. Our program has an established culture of collegiality and collaboration between faculty, students, staff, industry, and government partners. We commonly teach interdisciplinary classes and share a fundamental commitment to serving a diverse student body and the broader public.
UMass Amherst is part of the Five College Consortium in the beautiful Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts, with excellent social, cultural and recreational amenities in a town and rural setting. We are 2 hours from Boston, 3 hours from New York City, and 4.5 hours from Montreal.

The university is committed to active recruitment of a diverse faculty and student body. The University of Massachusetts Amherst is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer of women, minorities, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities and encourages applications from these and other protected group members. Because broad diversity is essential to an inclusive climate and critical to the University’s goals of achieving excellence in all areas, we will holistically assess the many qualifications of each applicant and favorably consider an individual’s record working with students and colleagues with broadly diverse perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds in educational, research or other work activities. We will also favorably consider experience overcoming or helping others overcome barriers to an academic degree and career.