Position Announcement – Tenure-Line, Open Rank
Department of Environmental Science
College of Arts & Sciences
American University

The Department of Environmental Science in the College of Arts & Sciences at American University invites applications for a full-time, open rank tenure-line position, beginning August 1, 2023. Applicants should have a PhD or anticipate PhD completion by August 2023 in relevant fields. Depending on experience and qualification, the appointee to this position may be recommended for tenure at the time of hiring. Candidates can apply at the assistant, associate, or full professor level.

We are seeking an environmental scientist whose research focuses on climate-driven change and intersects with one, or preferably more, of the following areas: modern environmental challenges, environmental justice, environmental racism, indigenous knowledge, and/or environmental health. The most competitive candidates will have the following qualifications: a strong research record, including publications in peer-reviewed journals and demonstrated success in or potential for obtaining external funding; ability to effect change by communicating research findings to policymakers and the general public; a record of interdisciplinary collaborations; motivation and ability to achieve excellence in teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels; a record of advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion; and a willingness to help meet the needs of our growing department through student advising, working with other faculty members, and taking on service and leadership roles as needed.

The successful candidate will be expected to maintain a strong, externally-funded research program that includes undergraduate students, graduate students, and/or postdocs while teaching undergraduate and graduate level environmental science classes (typically 2 per semester that will be a mix of general classes for majors and non-majors and classes in the candidate’s area of expertise).

How to Apply
Review of applications will begin on November 7, 2022. Please submit applications via: http://apply.interfolio.com/115222 Applicants should include: 1) cover letter (up to 2 pages); 2) statements of research and teaching (up to 2 pages each), which should include examples of the candidate’s past and/or planned contributions to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion, 3) curriculum vitae, and; 4) names of three references. Please contact Kiho Kim, 202-885-2181 or kiho@american.edu if you have any questions.

Institutional Context
American University is a private R2 institution located within the United States capital, within easy reach of the many centers of government, business, research, and the arts. Established in 2008, the Department of Environmental Science offers both undergraduate (BS, BA) and graduate degree
Climate change is a top concern among AU students, and the university’s focus on sustainability and its status as the first campus in the United States to go carbon-neutral sustainability are sources of university pride. The opening of a state-of-the-art science building in 2020 and the launch of the university-wide Center for Environment, Equity and Community further illustrate AU’s support for the sciences and commitment to integrating scientific research with broader societal issues. AU offers ample opportunities to collaborate with a diverse and interdisciplinary group of environmental and sustainability researchers across the university, including two recent hires in science communication in the School of Communication.

American University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution that operates in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The university does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including pregnancy), age, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, personal appearance, gender identity and expression, family responsibilities, political affiliation, source of income, veteran status, an individual’s genetic information or any other bases under federal or local laws (collectively “Protected Bases”) in its programs and activities.

American University is a tobacco and smoke free campus. To ensure the health and safety of our community, American University requires that all faculty and staff are vaccinated for Covid-19. To learn more about American University's health and safety directives please click here (https://www.american.edu/hr/how-we-work/vaccinations.cfm). Hiring offers for this position are contingent on the successful completion of a background check.