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Seeking Assistant Professor of Recreation Resources Management and Nature-Based Tourism

The Department of Environment and Society (ENVS), in the S.J & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources (QCNr) at Utah State University (USU), invites applications for a broadly trained scholar in recreation resource management and nature-based tourism in the tenure-track position of Assistant Professor. We are especially interested in candidates who will broaden existing department strength in Recreation Resource Management. This full-time (nine-month) faculty position is based at USU's Moab Statewide Campus in Moab, Utah, where ENVS currently has a cluster of three other faculty. This is a faculty position with teaching as the primary role but with opportunity for an active research program. The position will start August 2024.

Review of applications begins December 8, 2023. For further information contact Search Committee Chair, Dr. Roslynn McCann at roslynn.mccann@usu.edu.

To apply submit all application materials electronically via the Utah State University Human Resources website.

Responsibilities:

- Develop and deliver educational programs from USU-Moab with the potential to capitalize on Moab, Utah's standing as one of the nation's premier locations for outdoor recreation and nature-based tourism.
- Build a community-engaged teaching and research program in recreation resource management
- and nature-based tourism. Teaching includes a potential mix of statewide delivery of online, video conferencing, and/or in-person experiential courses.
- Mentor graduate students in ENVS's various MS and PhD graduate degree programs as well as in QCNr's Master of Natural Resources.
- Participate in faculty duties for USU as well as professional involvement beyond USU.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Earned Ph.D. at date of hire in recreation resource management, park and protected area management, nature-based tourism, or a related field.
- Demonstrated experience, ability, and/or interest in teaching recreation resource management or related fields.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience in developing and delivering innovative and inclusive courses in recreation resource management and environmental studies.
- Experience with or the desire to employ distance and online course delivery.
- Evidence of ability to develop and conduct a research program in recreation resource management and nature-based tourism, including securing competitive external funding.
- Research background and interests that will broaden existing faculty strengths in recreation resource management.
- Social science experience, training, or coursework.
- Publication record consistent with career stage.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively collaborate in an interdisciplinary academic setting.
- Demonstrated ability to contribute to the access mission of USU as a land-grant university through the inclusion of groups that are underrepresented in the academy through education, research, outreach, and service.
- Experience with enabling and encouraging participation of non-academic audiences in research and teaching. The Department values community engagement, integrating it into the departmental mission, climate, and culture.
- Demonstrated interest in working with local, state, and federal agencies and other organizations in the management of outdoor recreation and nature-based tourism, especially in southeastern Utah.

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The successful candidate can apply to be a Faculty Fellow in the [Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism](#), which provides resource management personnel, elected officials, private industries, and the general public with a better understanding of the social and economic trade-offs faced by communities

who manage outdoor recreation resources and tourism destinations.

The successful candidate can also apply to be a Faculty Fellow in USU's interdisciplinary Ecology Center and/or participate in the Climate Adaptation Science program, both of which involve ENVS.

Required Documents

Along with the online application, please attach:

1. Curriculum vitae to be uploaded at the beginning of application in the Candidate Profile under "Resume/CV"
2. Cover Letter
3. Statement of research experience and interests (maximum 2 pages)
4. Statement of teaching experience and philosophy (maximum 2 pages)
5. Statement of prior and intended contributions to diversity and inclusion in relation to the university land-grant mission in learning, discovery, and engagement (2-page maximum)
6. Names and contact details of three people who can provide letters of reference

*Please do not attach required documents (#2-5) in the candidate profile; you will be instructed to copy and paste later on in the application. **Document size may not exceed 10 MB.***

The Moab Community

With a resident population of just over 5,000, Moab is the largest community in Grand County, Utah. The Moab economy is largely fueled by nature-based recreation and tourism, and the community welcomes approximately three million people from around the world each year. As a gateway community to many national and state parks and public lands, Moab has become a magnet for outdoor enthusiasts seeking to take advantage of a wide range of mountain biking, hiking, climbing, touring and river rafting opportunities. Moab is home to offices for the National Park Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service in addition to numerous state agencies. Situated on the banks of the Colorado River the community is carefully designed for walking and biking enthusiasts and has recently added a state-of-the-art regional hospital, a recreation and aquatics center, and two new public school buildings. [More information.](#)

College and Department Highlights

The S. J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources is nationally and internationally recognized for its research, extension, and teaching on natural and socio-environmental ecosystems. It is a high-impact college at Utah State University with over \$15M in research funding annually, 55 tenure-track faculty in three departments, and close partnerships with federal and state natural resource agencies. The Department of Environment and Society uses the social, environmental, and interdisciplinary sciences to understand human-environment interactions at a range of spatial scales and to bring human considerations into natural resource and environmental management. Faculty promote people-centered solutions for sustainability transitions and

climate change adaptations and deliver graduate and undergraduate education in environmental studies and social sciences, recreation resource management, and geography. Together we value inclusive practices, center socio-environmental justice, and work towards greater diversity of community.

USU Moab Campus Highlights

Utah State University Moab houses three additional faculty members in Environment and Society. [Moab's campus building](#), located south of the city of Moab, is combustion-free, net-zero energy, passively designed to harness southern solar energy using thermal mass in the walls and floor. Deep overhangs create a series of covered porches, allowing for indoor activities to spill outside. Students and visitors will enjoy a campus reflecting Moab's natural landscape, linking them to their broader ecosystem. Campus sustainability highlights include: USU's first net-zero energy building; USU's large solar array placed in parking canopies that double as parking shade structures; ground-source heating and cooling; reduced carbon footprint; designed to meet Silver-level LEED certification with enhanced energy performance; PVC-free interior finishes, avoiding many red-list materials and incorporating healthier alternatives; water conservation measures including rain harvesting for permaculture gardens incorporating native plantings and low-flow, water-sense fixtures throughout; biophilia focused, connecting people with nature by incorporating natural day lighting and views to the surrounding landscape throughout, as well as natural materials, patterns, textures, and colors in exterior and interior materials.



University Highlights

Founded in 1888, Utah State University is Utah’s premier land-grant and space-grant university, with a strong commitment to excellence, access, and inclusion. USU serves approximately 27,500 students throughout the state at three residential campuses, eight statewide campuses, and 23 education centers. USU Online has served students from all 50 states and 55 countries for over 25 years, and USU Extension provides outreach and service to all counties in Utah.

As a land-grant university, USU engages communities and empowers people to lead successful lives of involvement, innovation, and impact. As an R1 research institution, USU provides a high-quality undergraduate and graduate education at an affordable price. Washington Monthly has consistently ranked USU in the top 10 among public universities for contribution to social mobility, research, and public service.

Utah State is committed to cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community where different perspectives, values, cultures, and identities are acknowledged, welcomed, and valued. We seek to recruit, hire, and retain people from all walks of life who will champion excellence in education, research, discovery, outreach,

and service. We believe that promoting a strong sense of community and belonging empowers and engages all members of USU to thrive and be successful. Learn more about USU.

The university provides a Dual Career Assistance Program to support careers for partners who are also seeking employment. Additionally, USU is committed to providing access and reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities. To request a reasonable accommodation for a disability, contact the university’s ADA Coordinator in the Office of Human Resources at (435) 797-0122 or hr@usu.edu.

About the Region:

U.S. News and World Report ranked Utah first for its strong economy, fiscal stability, education, and health care. Outstanding outdoor recreational opportunities abound throughout the state, including five national parks, 43 state parks and recreation areas, and 15 alpine ski resorts. The home of USU’s main campus, Logan, is a city of 54,000-plus people in a picturesque mountain valley 80 miles north of Salt Lake City. The Logan metro area claimed the top spot in the Milken Institute’s 2022 ranking for best-performing small cities in the nation.



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