

## **Assistant Professor of Biology – University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, SC**

Genetics: Full time Tenure Track Faculty position. See: <https://uscjobs.sc.edu/postings/43366>

The University of South Carolina Upstate invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Biology starting August 2019. Teaching responsibilities include majors-level Genetics and additional courses in their area of expertise. We seek a broadly trained teacher-scholar dedicated to engaging undergraduates in research. Area of research specialization is flexible and may include Conservation Genetics, Developmental Biology/Evolutionary Developmental Biology, Genomics, or Population Genetics. The person selected for this position will be expected to (i) teach 12 contact hours per semester and advise students; (ii) establish a productive research program that involves mentoring undergraduates; and (iii) to engage in service to the institution, the community, and the profession. Candidates should have excellent communication skills.

The University of South Carolina Upstate is a comprehensive public university and a senior institution of the University of South Carolina and is among the fastest growing universities in the State. U. S. News & World Report's 2017 edition "America's Best Colleges" ranked USC Upstate No. 2 among Top Public Regional Colleges South and the university has been recognized as a top producer of Fulbright Scholars, with students and faculty from over twenty five nations reflecting the university's international character. Located between Charlotte and Atlanta along the I-85 corridor, one of the fastest growing business and high-tech regions in the country, the campus is within easy driving distance of the Appalachian Mountains, the Atlantic Ocean beaches, and the ACE Basin - one of The Nature Conservancy's "50 Last Best Places." The University has an enrollment of approximately 6000 students and employs approximately 650 full and part-time faculty and staff, reflecting the diversity of Upstate South Carolina.

Students from over twenty five nations also reflect the university's international character. USC Upstate is proud of the diversity of its student body and we seek to attract an equally diverse applicant pool for faculty, staff, and administrators. We are an EOE/AA employer and are strongly committed to increasing faculty diversity.

USC Upstate is seeking teacher-scholars who have a commitment to excellence in teaching and working with a diverse student population. Preference will be given to applicants with experience in student and civic engagement, and active learning pedagogies, such as service-learning, mentoring undergraduate research, and the scholarship of teaching, learning and application; and experience with teaching online or hybrid courses. USC Upstate provides extensive support for junior faculty including competitive professional development funding, opportunities for student-faculty research collaboration, and a range of workshops and mentoring programs to develop our strengths as teacher-scholars.

The College of Science and Technology is comprised of three academic units whose missions all relate to the promotion of STEM-related programming—the Department of Informatics and Engineering Systems, the Division of Mathematics and Computer Science, and the Division of Natural Sciences and Engineering. Each unit offers rigorous and engaging academic programming, opportunities for undergraduate research, engagement with community partners, and internship and service opportunities. The college embraces diversity and student-centered learning, and strives to provide opportunities for growth with the development of innovative cross-disciplinary activities. Our outstanding faculty provide quality instruction, work closely with students, conduct significant research,

and are involved in community engagement. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.uscupstate.edu/academics/college-of-science-and-technology/>.

#### Required Education and Experience

Ph.D. in Biology or a closely related field by August 15, 2019.

#### Preferred Qualifications

Postdoctoral research experience; relevant teaching and research mentorship experience; training in or use of techniques that increase student engagement, such as experiential learning, active learning, or service learning.

Faculty position is to teach on the **Spartanburg** and/or Greenville campus.