



Marine Scientist / Assistant Professor —Search #67836
College of Science and Mathematics / ICPS

The James H. Oliver, Jr., Institute for Coastal Plain Science in the College of Science and Mathematics invites applications and nominations for the position of Assistant Professor of Marine Science. The home campus for this position will be the Savannah campus but may require teaching on the other campuses including those in Hinesville, GA and Statesboro, GA.

Georgia Southern University is a distinctive combination of Southern charm and uncompromising academics. We are a Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution serving about 26,500 students through ten colleges on three beautiful oak-lined campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville, and via a growing online program. Throughout its degree offerings at the associate's, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels, Georgia Southern cultivates community collaboration, world-class scholarship and hands-on learning opportunities.

Georgia Southern University was founded in 1906 as a school for teaching modern agricultural production techniques and homemaking skills to rural school children. Its Savannah campus was established in 1935 as Armstrong Junior College for local youth who could not afford to attend college away from home. The Liberty Center in Hinesville was established in 1998 to serve the military and their families at nearby Fort Stewart, the largest military base east of the Mississippi. All three locations came together in 2018 when Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University consolidated. The "new" Georgia Southern University preserves a passion for serving its neighbors while preparing students for lifelong service as scholars, leaders, and responsible stewards of their communities.

Believing that diversity, equity, and inclusion contribute to excellence in the workplace and to the quality of the University's academic environment, Georgia Southern University is committed to recruiting and retaining diverse faculty and staff to support, promote, and serve a diverse student body and promote Inclusive Excellence. Candidates from historically underrepresented groups, whose work furthers the institution's Inclusive Excellence goals and who bring to campus varied life experiences, perspectives, and backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

Within this setting, the Institute for Coastal Plain Science (ICPS) facilitates interdisciplinary research and education directed toward understanding the physical and biological resources occurring below the fall line and their sustainable use and management. Supporting Georgia Southern University's pursuit of academic distinction in teaching, scholarship, and service, the ICPS advances a culture of engagement that bridges theory with practice and extends the learning environment beyond the classroom. The ICPS pursues its mission through a diverse group of affiliated faculty from across departments within the College of Science and Mathematics.

Position Description. Reporting to the Director of the ICPS, the Assistant Professor of Marine Science position requires research, teaching, and service responsibilities as well as a doctoral degree in Marine Science, Oceanography, Biology or a related field. This position is part of a new initiative in environmental science and will be part of a growing Sustainability Science BS Program. The successful candidate will develop a high-impact, externally funded research program in any area of marine science (broadly defined) that will complement existing research strengths in southeastern US coastal and/or nearshore ecosystems. In addition to contributing to the new BS degree in Sustainability Science, the

successful candidate will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in the candidate's area of expertise. The position is an academic 9-month, tenure-track appointment, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:

- Earned doctorate in Marine Science, Oceanography, Biology or a related field by August 1, 2021
- Demonstrated excellence in research, as evidenced by a strong publication record
- Strong potential to attract extramural funding
- Ability to teach courses at multiple levels in the Sustainability Science curriculum
- Engagement with institutional student success initiatives
- Commitment to engaging with best practice initiatives in instruction and pedagogy, mentoring, and curriculum design and development
- Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution

Preferred Qualifications:

- Postdoctoral research experience or similar post-graduate professional experience
- Ability to conduct interdisciplinary research in southeastern coastal and/or nearshore ecosystems
- Student-centered research and/or teaching experience
- Ability to contribute to additional environmental science degree programming and/or research

Screening of applications begins 15 May 2021 and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is 1 August 2021. To equitably serve a fast growing and highly diverse student body and to fulfill the University's commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, we actively seek candidates with a demonstrated commitment to Pillar 3 of our University Strategic Plan: Inclusive Excellence <https://president.georgiasouthern.edu/performance-excellence/strategic-plan/>.

A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; succinct statement of research interests (1-2 pages); succinct statement of teaching interests/philosophy (1-2 pages); the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least 3 professional references. Other documentation may be requested. Applications must be sent electronically as a single PDF attachment (include applicant name in file name). Only complete applications submitted electronically will be considered. Finalists will be required to undergo a background investigation. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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More information about the institution and the ICPS, respectively, is available through <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu> and <http://cosm.georgiasouthern.edu/icps>. The names of applicants and nominees, vitae, and other non-evaluative information may be subject to public inspection under the Georgia Open Records Act. Georgia Southern University provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, political affiliation, or disability. Individuals who need reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in the search process should notify Human Resources at 912-478-6947.