

CENTRAL FLORIDA

Sustainable Coastal Systems Cluster Coastal Environmental Policy/Political Geography

Applicants for a position in **Coastal Environmental Policy** or **Coastal Political Geography**, **open rank**, must have a Ph.D. from an accredited institution in political science, geography, or a related discipline, such as environmental policy/political geography or environmental anthropology/sociology. Preference will be given to applicants who have expertise in public policy related to coastal environments and/or experience in interdisciplinary, environmental social sciences focusing on public policy and coastal ecology. The anticipated starting date is flexible and can be as early as August 2017.

The successful applicant will be expected to bring expertise in environmental policy and politics to an interdisciplinary team in order to advance understanding of the social-ecological systems in coastal areas. They must demonstrate a strong commitment to interdisciplinary research and publication; a commitment to interdisciplinary and collaborative research, have demonstrated an ability to perform high-impact research, and be able to develop a program that will lead to strong extramurally-funded research. The successful candidate will also have, or be able to establish, a strong teaching record with the ability to teach and mentor students at both graduate and undergraduate levels.

We are bringing together a core group of faculty who work across traditional research boundaries, or are working in transdisciplinary fields, in the broad interdisciplinary area of **Sustainable Coastal Systems** (<u>http://ucf.edu/research/coastalsystems</u>). This new hire will join current cluster faculty, representing twelve departments and seven colleges, to lead a world-class effort to understand and assess natural and human-related impacts to coastal ecosystem health, restoration, sustainability, and mitigation; and ultimately to characterize and integrate physical, chemical, biological, and socio-economic processes impacting coastal communities and ecosystems. This individual will be expected to strengthen both their tenure home department as well as the Sustainable Coastal Systems cluster.

Candidates must apply online at <u>http://www.jobswithucf.com/postings/46716</u> (Position #38660) and attach the following materials: a cover letter, curriculum vitae, teaching statement, research statement, and contact information for three professional references. In the cover letter candidates should address their background in their discipline and should identify the department(s) for their potential tenure home. In the research statement candidates should include descriptions of any history of interdisciplinary research collaborations and how their current and future research can contribute to the cluster's overall interdisciplinary objectives.

The search committee will review applications on an ongoing basis until the position is filled.

The University of Central Florida, with more than 63,000 students, has grown in quality, diversity, and reputation in its first 50 years and is committed to being inclusive and diverse by

building a faculty who are a reflection of the students they teach. For more information about this position please contact the Sustainable Coastal Systems Cluster search committee Chair, Dr. Graham Worthy at <u>CoastalCluster@ucf.edu</u>