

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Ecology and Environmental Science in the Tropics and Subtropics

Call for Applications

Due: January 6, 2020

The International Center at the University of Florida is pleased to invite applications for the John J. and Katherine C. Ewel Fellowship Program in Ecology and Environmental Science in the Tropics and Subtropics. This program will enable a recent doctorate recipient to study ecology and environmental sciences at the University of Florida (UF). The Fellow will work for two years with a University of Florida faculty member in any department to create new knowledge in any area of tropical and subtropical ecology.

The Award

The fellowship will provide an annual stipend of \$54,000 plus an annual allowance of \$15,000 for health insurance, research support, professional development, and travel.

Selection Criteria

- Applicant's prior academic and professional success and his or her potential contribution to scholarship or practice.
- UF faculty member commitment, enthusiasm and tangible support for the proposed project and fellow, and the ability to provide office space and a productive work environment.
- UF PhD graduates are ineligible.
- Must have filed their dissertation before starting their appointment in June 2020.
- International doctoral students or recent PhD graduates are strongly encouraged to apply.

Finding a UF Faculty Sponsor

Potential candidates should start now to identify and establish a relationship with a University of Florida faculty member to host his or her research. The UF faculty member will be a mentor to the Fellow and will provide office space, lab space if required, basic administrative support, and any additional research support needed to meet the objectives of the proposal. Potential candidates should search appropriate departments to identify a faculty member with whom they wish to work. UFIC cannot help with finding mentors.

Each applicant's potential sponsor must submit a letter of support (two pages maximum) to the selection committee describing in detail the level of commitment to the research and the candidate. A UF faculty member could support more than one candidate. It is recommended that candidates search widely for a faculty sponsor across the numerous programs and departments at the University of Florida that conduct research on ecological and environmental issues. This includes, but is not limited to, the departments of Biology and Geography in the College of Liberal Arts and

Sciences; departments and schools in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences including Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, Forest Resources and Conservation, and Soil and Water Science; and interdisciplinary programs including Tropical Conservation and Development.

Program Requirements

- Candidates for the 2020 Ewel Fellowship should have received their PhD no earlier than five years.
- Candidates with a doctorate or equivalent in any field are eligible, and they may propose research projects in any discipline related to ecology and the environment. All successful candidates will be able to demonstrate experience performing scholarly research.
- Each candidate must secure a commitment letter from one or more UF faculty to serve as a mentor and to provide office and lab space for the two-year fellowship. The UF sponsor's expertise should provide a significant opportunity to broaden the candidate's own research expertise.
- The University of Florida is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. Women, minorities and non-US citizens are encouraged to apply.
- Only individuals may apply.
- Candidates may have received their PhD degree from any university in the world except the University of Florida. Foreign nationals must be proficient in English (writing and speaking).
- Successful candidates should be prepared to commit to work at UF for the full two years, which includes time spent overseas doing research. The fellowship requires residency at UF for at least half of the fellowship period, i.e., 12 months, not necessarily continuous.

Proposal Preparation Instructions

A complete postdoctoral fellowship application consists of the following:

1. Completed [application form](#).
2. Project summary, limited to one page.
3. Project description, limited to five pages including all figures and tables.
4. References cited (does not count against the five page limit).
5. Biographical sketch (e.g., curriculum vitae), limited to two pages. List publications separately.
6. Current and pending support.
7. An abstract of your dissertation.
8. Two letters of support
 - a. From your UF mentor which includes a two page curriculum vitae from the mentor
 - b. From your thesis/dissertation advisor

Guidance on your Proposal

The project description is your research and training plan and covers the research you will do and the training you will receive during your fellowship. Include a brief introduction, a statement of your research objectives, methods, significance of your research, your training objectives, an explanation of how the fellowship activities will enhance your career, and a justification for the selection of your UF mentor.

Guidance on the letter of support from your UF mentor

The letter of support from the UF mentor should include a brief description of the research projects she/he is involved with and how your research and training plan would fit into and benefit the ongoing research. A description of the role the UF mentor will play in mentoring the fellowship recipient and in the proposed research should also be included.

If you have questions about the fellowship or application process, please contact:

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