Visiting Assistant Professor
Ecology

Macalester College Biology and Environmental Studies Departments invite applications for a Visiting Assistant Professor in Ecology beginning Fall 2021, with the possibility of renewal for a second-year beginning Fall 2022. The successful applicant will be housed in either the Biology Department or the Environmental Studies Department, depending on candidate fit and preference.

We seek candidates who will have completed a Ph.D. in Ecology, Global Change Biology, or related fields. The successful applicant’s areas of specialty could include but are not limited to urban ecology, agroecology, natural resource management, landscape ecology, conservation biology, evolutionary and behavioral ecology, community ecology, ecosystem ecology, plant ecology, aquatic and marine ecology, and global change biology. The ideal candidate will have a demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching at the undergraduate level.

The teaching load is four courses per academic year, two with labs, mostly at the middle and upper levels of the curriculum. All courses will be cross-listed between Biology and Environmental Studies. Salary and benefits are competitive. In addition to lab space on campus, faculty have access to facilities at Macalester’s nearly 300-acre Katharine Ordway Natural History Study Area, 25 minutes from campus. We welcome applicants who are interested in engaging undergraduates in their research program.

To apply, electronically submit a curriculum vitae, cover letter that addresses potential courses or areas the candidate can comfortably teach, contact information for 3 professional references, and a statement on diversity, equity, and inclusion (see below) to Academic Jobs Online (https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/17861). Evaluation of applications will begin February 1, 2021 and continue until the position is filled.

Macalester is committed to student, faculty and staff diversity, equity, and inclusion. We highly encourage applications from candidates with a record of experience or demonstrated commitment to working effectively with students, faculty, and staff from all backgrounds, including but not limited to: racial and ethnic minorities, women, individuals who identify with LGBTQ+ communities, individuals with disabilities, individuals from lower income backgrounds, and/or first-generation college graduates. In addition to the materials noted above, applicants should also submit a statement on diversity, equity, and inclusion (no longer than 2 pages) that discusses how their teaching, research, service,
and/or life experiences prepare them to advance Macalester’s commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and their future plans to teach and mentor students who represent diverse backgrounds, perspectives and abilities.

Macalester College is a highly selective, private liberal arts college in the vibrant Minneapolis-Saint Paul metropolitan area, with a population of approximately three million people and home to numerous colleges and universities, including the University of Minnesota. Macalester’s diverse student body comprises over 2000 undergraduates from all 50 states and the District of Columbia and 95 nations. The College maintains a longstanding commitment to academic excellence with a special emphasis on internationalism, multiculturalism, and service to society. As an Equal Opportunity employer supportive of affirmative efforts to achieve diversity among its faculty, Macalester College strongly encourages applications from women and members of underrepresented minority groups. Questions about this position can be addressed, with “Ecology VAP search” in the subject line, to Prof. Mary Heskel (mheskel@macalester.edu) and Prof. Christine Sierra O’Connell (coconnell@macalester.edu).