Visiting Professor in Sustainability and Social Change

Macalester College’s Environmental Studies Department invites applications for a Visiting Assistant Professor in Sustainability and Social Change beginning Fall 2021.

The teaching load is five courses per academic year. The successful candidate could teach at all levels of the undergraduate curriculum. Salary and benefits are competitive. We welcome applicants who are interested in engaging undergraduates in their research program.

This position is open to those who have been awarded a doctorate at the time of appointment in Environmental Studies, Sustainability Studies or a relevant field. We prefer that the PhD has been completed by July 1, 2021, but will consider ABD candidates who expect completion by October 1, 2021.

We seek an interdisciplinary social scientist who studies Sustainability and Social Change. The candidate’s teaching focus and approach are open, but might include activism and social change, indigenous perspectives, behavioral change, environmental justice, legal studies and campus ecology. We welcome applicants with applied experience in government, private and NGO sectors and community organizing. The ideal candidate will have a demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching at the undergraduate level and a community-based and social justice inspired pedagogy.

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.

For over fifty years, Macalester has had a dedicated and deeply interdisciplinary focus on Environmental Studies. We use case studies, problem-solving, and a community-centered approach to address environmental problems at the local, national and global levels. Our core faculty bring expertise from the humanities, social sciences, physical, and biological sciences. Our affiliated faculty come from all corners of campus, including anthropology, biology, chemistry, economics, education, geography, geology, and physics.
Our faculty and students benefit from and support the work of the College’s Sustainability Office, which promotes campus- and community-wide engagement in sustainability and environmental justice efforts, and aims to integrate these across the college curriculum. Our campus initiatives also work toward carbon neutrality, zero waste, sustainable transportation and urban design, and food justice. Our Sustainability Office collaborates with the Civic Engagement Center, Macalester’s long-standing program for community engagement, to connect campus initiatives with community sustainability efforts.

Interested candidates should apply for this position electronically via Academic Jobs Online (online application system) at academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/18067. Please include a cover letter that specifies your qualifications for the position and summarizes your teaching philosophy; a curriculum vitae with two references listed; and a separate statement (no longer than 2 pages) detailing experience and aspirations for addressing diversity, equity and inclusion in teaching, scholarship, and service (see next paragraph).

Macalester College is committed to student and faculty diversity, equity, and inclusion. Strong candidates will have a record of experience or demonstrated commitment to teaching diverse students. In addition to the materials noted above, applicants should also submit a diversity statement (no longer than 2 pages) that discusses past experiences and/or potential future contributions to inclusive excellence in the areas of research, teaching, service, and/or outreach. In the diversity statement, applicants should reflect upon their experience and vision regarding the teaching and mentorship of students from diverse backgrounds.

Review of applications will begin March 1, 2021 and continue until the position is filled.

Questions about this position can be addressed, with “VAP Sustainability search” in the subject line, to Prof. Roopali Phadke (phadke@macalester.edu).

For more information on Environmental Studies at Macalester College, see: https://www.macalester.edu/environmentalstudies/