

**Utah State University
Quinney College of Natural Resources
Department of Environment and Society**

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**Assistant/Associate Professor,
Director, Institute for Outdoor Recreation and Tourism**

The Department of Environment and Society at Utah State University (USU) invites applications for the tenure-track position of **Assistant or Associate Professor with expertise in outdoor recreation and tourism**. This is a permanent, full-time (nine-month) position based at the USU main campus in Logan. The relative emphasis for the position is 45% research, 50% Extension, and 5% service. Preferred start date is in August 2015.

Position Summary: To serve successfully as Director of USU's Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism, the successful candidate must have a strong academic background in outdoor recreation management and/or tourism development, as well as experience or demonstrated potential to obtain research funding in that field, and to conduct outreach to public and private sector audiences. The incumbent will serve as an Extension specialist with recreation/tourism expertise and direct an institute (<http://extension.usu.edu/iort/>) that has responsibilities to 1) implement research focused on the social, economic, and environmental benefits and costs of outdoor recreation and tourism; 2) provide outreach to assist government agencies, communities, private organizations and individuals with outdoor recreation and tourism-related issues; and 3) offer opportunities for training in recreation and tourism management to undergraduates, graduate students, and professionals. Examples of research expertise matching the collaborative interests of department faculty include: nature-based tourism, agri-tourism, sustainable tourism, parks and protected area management, outdoor recreation behavior, non-market economics, and recreation geography. Service includes participation in faculty duties on campus as well as professional involvement off-campus.

Minimum Qualifications: Candidates must have an earned doctorate in outdoor recreation, tourism, natural resource management, environmental studies, planning, or a related field; and at least two years successful experience as a full-time university faculty member. They also should have a publication record consistent with their career stage, and demonstrate the potential to build and maintain a productive research program, including the ability to secure competitive external funding. Candidates also must demonstrate strong communication skills and the ability to collaborate effectively with private, public, and non-profit sector stakeholders as an Extension specialist focused on outdoor recreation and tourism, Utah's second largest industry.

Preferred Qualifications: Prior experience in program administration is preferred.

Academic and Professional Setting: USU is a land grant institution, classified as a Carnegie Research Doctoral Extensive University. USU is dedicated to recruiting stellar candidates from a diverse pool including women, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities. USU is sensitive to the needs of dual-career applicants and offers competitive salaries with outstanding medical, retirement, and professional benefits (<http://www.usu.edu/hr>). Logan is located 85 miles north of Salt Lake City, in a community with a population of approximately 100,000. The main campus is situated in beautiful Cache Valley, a semi-rural mountain basin offering nearby ski resorts, lakes, rivers, and mountains. Nine National Parks lie within a 400-mile radius, making it one of the finest outdoor recreation environments in the nation. The area offers ample opportunities for a family-friendly professional life. For a video introduction to Logan, Cache Valley, and USU see <http://www.cachechamber.com>.

Application Process: Applications should be submitted at <http://jobs.usu.edu> (req. ID 055132). Along with the online application, please attach a cover letter detailing research interests, a curriculum vitae, and a list of names and contact information for three references. Review of applications begins February 15 and will continue until the position is filled. For additional information, please contact:

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For further information on the Department of Environment and Society, please refer to the departmental website at <http://www.cnr.usu.edu/envs/>

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