

Full time Teaching Faculty position in Plant Ecology at Loyola University Chicago's Institute of Environmental Sustainability

Loyola University Chicago's Institute of Environmental Sustainability (IES) invites applications for a full-time three-year faculty teaching position, with possibility of renewal, at the rank of Lecturer beginning in August 2018. We are seeking a candidate with expertise in plant ecology to support our programs in *Conservation and Restoration Ecology* and/or *Food Systems and Sustainable Agriculture* (see <https://www.luc.edu/sustainability/academics/undergraduateprograms/> for program details).

Candidates must have demonstrated success working with diverse populations of students and should have experience teaching undergraduate courses as the instructor of record. The successful candidate will be expected to teach introductory environmental science for both majors and non-majors, and to teach upper-level courses in plant ecology, restoration ecology, soil ecology, sustainable agriculture, bioremediation, and/or Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Candidates who approach these fields from diverse perspectives – for example by exploring social and policy dimensions – are encouraged to apply. Applicants must have a Ph.D. degree in ecology, environmental science, or another relevant field.

IES is a leader in environmental sustainability. The Institute serves >330 majors and minors and offers undergraduate B.S. degrees in Environmental Science with concentrations in Food Systems & Sustainable Agriculture, Conservation & Restoration, and Environmental Health, along with B. A. Degrees in Environmental Studies and Environmental Policy. The IES is housed within a state-of-the-art geothermally heated/cooled building complex containing a greenhouse, two aquaponics facilities, a biodiesel production facility, teaching & research labs, and a green dormitory. The campus is highly energy efficient and supports several green roofs and student-run urban gardens which supply produce to a student-initiated and student-run Farmer's Market. The Loyola University Retreat & Ecology Campus (LUREC) has a 20-acre wetland restoration project and a 5-acre organic farm. LUREC is a venue for summer field courses and faculty and student research in sustainable agriculture, ecology, and wetland/woodland restoration. Loyola was ranked 4th 'greenest' university in the nation by Sierra Magazine in 2014 and ranked #7 in 2016. For more information about IES, please visit <http://www.luc.edu/sustainability/>.

Applicants must submit a Curriculum Vita, a letter of interest outlining their qualifications, a statement of teaching philosophy, and the names and email addresses of three individuals prepared to speak to the professional qualifications of the applicant. The Loyola student body is comprised of individuals from diverse socio-economic and educational backgrounds and courses taught by IES faculty serve both IES majors and the Science Core for non-majors. We ask that the teaching statement incorporate perspectives and ideas on accommodating a diverse array of learning strategies among students. Submit all materials to www.careers.luc.edu. Referees will not be contacted immediately but might be contacted during the review process.

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Review of applications will begin on November 13, 2017, and continue until the position is filled.

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