Gordon W. Gallion Endowed Chair in Forest Wildlife Research and Education

The University of Minnesota’s Dept of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology invites applications for a tenure-track position (50% research/50% teaching) in forest wildlife. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an internationally recognized, extramurally funded research program with a primary focus on ecology and management of forest wildlife. Research should be relevant to emerging issues (e.g. climate change; land use and land cover changes; emerging diseases), and it should focus on projects that preserve the quality of the natural environment, protect biodiversity, and allow for the sustainable use of natural resources. Also essential are the interest in and ability to provide leadership in addressing the needs of stakeholders, including landowners, government agencies, and land managers. We are especially interested in applicants who will add to the Department’s current strengths and will collaborate on interdisciplinary research initiatives. The successful candidate will document evidence of teaching excellence, and will be expected to teach two courses every year. The faculty member is also expected to advise graduate and undergraduate students, and participate in faculty governance. The University of Minnesota is committed to diversity and cultural inclusiveness and women and underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

Academic Rank
Appointment will be at the rank of associate professor with tenure or assistant professor, depending on previous experience. While the position is tenure-track, occupancy of the endowed chair is a renewable seven-year appointment with review conducted in the sixth year. The review will evaluate the appointee’s performance in meeting the responsibilities of the chair as defined above and as mutually refined over the term of the appointment.

Essential Qualifications
Ph.D. in the biological sciences
Demonstrated research emphasis in forest wildlife
Evidence of excellence in teaching
Creativity, quality, and productivity in research
Potential to maintain an active, extramurally-funded research program
Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing

Preferred Academic Preparation and Experience
Post-doctoral or faculty experience
Experience interacting successfully with stakeholders
Demonstrated leadership in forest wildlife ecology or management
Collegiate teaching experience

Salary/Benefits
Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications. Two months of summer salary will be provided for the first two years; subsequently, summer salary may be supplemented by research and/or educational grants up to 2.75 months. Benefits include employee health, dental, and faculty life/disability insurance, social security, faculty retirement and opportunities for professional development, including sabbatical and semester leave opportunities. Benefits are described at http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/benefits/index.html.

To apply
Apply at http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/employment/ and search for Job # 305598. Attach cover letter, CV, teaching statement (maximum 3 pages), research statement (maximum 3 pages), and the names and contact information for three people who are willing to write letters of reference.

Application materials must be received by December 3.