Adjunct Faculty Vacancy Announcement

Department: Biology
Position available in: Biology Department (Ph.D. preferred)
Salary Range: $3,044 - $3,444 per course
Posting Date: July 2016

Description
We are looking for an individual to teach a Wetlands Ecology course during the 2016 fall semester at the following time: Block 3, October 24, 2016 through November 17, 2016.

Successful candidate will teach a 4-credit, upper-division Wetland Ecology course (BIOE 425). This is a course for science majors with field, lab and lecture integrated. The University of Montana Western is an experiential learning institution that utilizes a block schedule, meeting for three hours each day for 17 or 18 instructional days over 3½ weeks. The Wetlands Ecology course typically enrolls 10 – 15 students and includes some longer field and lab days. Modification to total instructional days may be possible with administrative approval. This is an outstanding opportunity for candidates that are trying to gain undergraduate teaching experience.

Requirements
Candidates will preferably have an earned Ph.D. in Biology, Ecology or a closely related field, but candidates with professional wetland experience and either an earned M.S. degree or ABD will also be considered. Candidates with experience and evidence of excellence in undergraduate teaching will be given preference.

Application
The current salary for adjunct instructors teaching one 4-credit course at University of Montana Western is $3444 for instructors with a Ph.D. and $3044 for instructors with an M.S. On-campus accommodations for visiting instructors in a shared faculty house is available for $200/month.

The review of applicants will begin immediately, and will continue until the position is filled. Applicants should directly contact Dr. Michelle Anderson (current Wetlands Ecology professor on sabbatical 2016 – 2017) at michelle.anderson@umwestern.edu or Dr. Michael Morrow (Biology Department Chair) at michael.morrow@umwestern.edu or by phone at (406) 683-7076. Applicants will be asked to submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, transcripts and will also need to provide the contact information for three references to Dr. Michael Morrow, The University of Montana Western, 710 South Atlantic Street, Dillon, MT 59725.

The University & Dillon Area
The University of Montana Western, located in Dillon, Mont., is an innovative institution nestled in a scenic valley in the Rocky Mountains of south western Montana. The campus Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) for student enrolment is approximately 1,289. Montana Western has over 60 FTE faculty members, features small cases for all students and has been recognized for excellence by U.S. News and World Report. Montana Western’s small size and focus on education innovation have earned it the reputation of being a place where faculty and staff chose to collegially and creatively make a difference in the education of students. Montana Western is the first and only public four-year college in the nation to use block scheduling in which students take a single class at a time. This immersion learning program facilitates increased opportunities for experiential types of learning.
The mission of the University of Montana Western is to provide innovative interdisciplinary education through experiential learning that combines theory and practice. Montana Western services citizens of all ages with its academic, community service, and lifelong-learning programs. As part of the global community, Montana Western encourages diversity, international awareness, environmental responsibility, and mastery of technology as a gateway to the world.

Dillon, a community of 5,000 people, is known for outstanding public schools, safe environments, recreational opportunities and an excellent quality of life.

The University of Montana Western is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and encourages applications from qualified women, minorities, veterans and people with disabilities. Qualified candidates may request veterans, or disabilities preference in accordance with state law. Reasonable accommodations are provided in the hiring process for persons with disabilities. Finalists for this position will be subject to a criminal background investigation.