



<b>Job Title:</b>	Instructor, Marine Conservation	<b>Job Category:</b>	Temporary Faculty – Non-tenure track
<b>Department/Group:</b>	University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Division of Coastal Sciences, GCRL Summer Field Program	<b>Position Type:</b>	Full-time, Temporary (July 3-28, 2017)
<b>Location:</b>	Ocean Springs, Mississippi	<b>Travel Required:</b>	To be determined
<b>Level/Salary Range:</b>	\$5,000	<b>Date posted:</b>	January 19, 2017
<b>Additional Benefits:</b>	If applicable, travel compensation to/from the GCRL and on-campus housing/meals during course term (July 3-28, 2017) will be provided.	<b>Posting Expires:</b>	February 28, 2017

**Website URL:**

<http://gcrl.usm.edu/index.php>

**Job Description**

**ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The University of Southern Mississippi’s Division of Coastal Sciences invites applications from instructors to teach a field intensive course titled Marine Conservation. This course will be offered as a part of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory’s Summer Field Program during Session II (July 3-28, 2017). This is a non-tenure track, temporary position for the summer only. Upon successful course delivery in 2017, additional teaching opportunities may be available in subsequent years.

- Course Description: *This course will introduce students to conservation biology and ecology with a focus on marine and coastal ecosystems. Topics may include biodiversity, marine ecosystem processes and threats, conservation of habitat and species, and human impacts, solutions, and policy. The course will consist of lectures, field trips, and laboratory exercises designed to provide students with hands-on experience in marine conservation biology. Prerequisites: Two semesters of biology or permission of instructor. COA 490/590: Special Topics – Marine Conservation. Five credit hours.*
- This course should be developed to include a combination of lectures, labs, and field trips. The focus must be field intensive with experiential learning opportunities through a variety of field trips (typically 1-2 field trips/week). Field trip options include utilization of GCRL research vessels, local or regional land-based trips, and/or other related field trips that provide relevant educational opportunities and are within field budget constraints.
- Class meets every weekday during the course term (July 3-28, 2017). However, due to weather impacts on field activities, flexibility in course and/or field schedule is necessary. Classes typically do not meet on July 4, but is up to instructor discretion.

**QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

- PhD in Biology, Conservation, Fisheries, Zoology, or related scientific field (\*Exceptionally qualified MS degrees will be considered if accompanied by relevant work experience)
- Knowledge in Marine Conservation, including relevant field work and/or research



**PREFERRED SKILLS**

- Prior teaching experience in an undergraduate and/or graduate program
- Prior teaching experience which includes a conservation course
- Prior teaching experience in field-based courses

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED**

- Curriculum Vitae
- Unofficial transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate institutions (Official transcripts will be required if selected for the position)
- Cover letter describing relevant education, research, and/or work experience related to the marine conservation field (including teaching experience)

**ADDITIONAL NOTES**

Since 1947, the GCRL Summer Field Program has provided undergraduate and graduate students an opportunity to learn about coastal environments in an intensive field and laboratory setting. The GCRL Summer Field Program focuses on studies of plants and animals in their natural habitats and physical and chemical processes in local marine and coastal environments. Most classes are field-oriented with trips on one or more of the GCRL oceanographic and fisheries research vessels: 97-foot *R/V Tommy Munro*, 60-foot *R/V Jim Franks*, and 38-foot *R/V Hermes*. The program seeks to create experiential learning opportunities for college students. More details on the GCRL Summer Field Program is found [here](#). More information on the Division of Coastal Sciences is found [here](#).

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As an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity employer/Americans with Disabilities Act institution, The University of Southern Mississippi encourages minorities, women, veterans, and persons with disabilities to apply.

**Application Materials Accepted By Email to:**

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