

Chair, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte invites applications and nominations for the Chair of the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, effective July 1, 2018. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience and rank. Candidate requirements include: 1) a doctoral degree in a field in - or related to - one of the Department's academic programs (Geography, Geology, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Environmental Studies and Meteorology); 2) credentials and experience appropriate for a senior-level appointment at a growing, urban doctoral university classified as having high research activity; 3) demonstrated ability and experience in administration and leadership of multidisciplinary groups; 4) a record of securing external funding; and 5) a demonstrated commitment to promote diversity as a value in the department, college and university.

The selected candidate will have the ability to oversee the continued advancement, success, and reputation of the Department. S/he will demonstrate the ability to: creatively and strategically manage the Department's budget; encourage and mentor faculty in securing external grants and in achieving excellence in research, teaching and service; lead and support a large staff whose duties range from academic administration to technical lab support; sustain the growth, health and success of degree programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels; support interdisciplinary programs and centers; and attract and retain top-tier faculty.

The Department of Geography and Earth Sciences is currently comprised of 34 full-time faculty, notably from a broad array of disciplinary backgrounds, and 8 full-time staff. We house a student population of over 350 undergraduates and approximately 70 master's students and 25 doctoral students. Our mission is to create, extend and disseminate applied and theoretical scientific knowledge of the Earth's physical, natural, and human systems, and their interactions, through scholarly research, teaching, and service. The Department houses a Ph.D. program in Geography, and participates in two other interdisciplinary Ph.D. degree programs, Infrastructure and Environmental Systems and Public Policy. The Department also offers an MA in Geography, an MS in Earth Sciences and several undergraduate degree programs in the Geographic and Earth Sciences, and hosts the Center for Applied Geographic Information Sciences (CAGIS).

UNC Charlotte is a rapidly growing doctoral-granting urban university located in the largest metropolitan area between Washington DC, and Atlanta. The University is a Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement campus. Close to 29,000 culturally diverse students currently are enrolled at the University. As the largest college at UNC Charlotte, the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences houses 20 departments in the humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and natural sciences, as well as 25 applied research centers and interdisciplinary programs. It offers eight doctoral degrees, 36 master's degrees and graduate certificates, and 34 undergraduate degrees.

As an EOE/AA employer and an ADVANCE Institution that strives to create an academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained, UNC Charlotte encourages applications from all underrepresented groups. Applicants are subject to criminal background check.

Applications must be made electronically at <https://jobs.uncc.edu> (position number 00XXXX). We are asking applicants to submit a letter of interest including your vision for the department, *curriculum vitae*, and the names and contact information of three referees. Screening of applications will begin January 2, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled. For more information please contact the chair of the search committee, Dr. Martha Cary (Missy) Eppes at meppes@uncc.edu.