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*Department of Environmental Science and Technology*

Position Announcement

Professor and Department Chair  
Department of Environmental Science and Technology

The University of Maryland is seeking applications and nominations for an outstanding scientist, educator and administrator to serve as Chair of the Department of Environmental Science and Technology. The Department was formed in 2006 and has developed integrated teaching, research and extension education programs that focus on ecological technology design, environmental health, soil and watershed science, natural resources management and wetland science. The Department currently has 25 faculty members and offers BS, MS and PhD degree programs for approximately 120 undergraduate and 50 graduate students. Student enrollment in all programs is growing. The Chair is the chief administrative officer and provides leadership for the faculty, staff, students and programs of the Department.

The successful candidate will be a senior academic leader who will provide strategic vision for the advancement of the Department. The Chair will champion the Department's mission to promote understanding and conscientious management of natural, agricultural and urban ecosystems and the interactions among air, water, soil, living organisms, and people. The Chair will strive to ensure that the Department of Environmental Science and Technology becomes widely known and respected as one of the top ten undergraduate programs and top ten graduate programs in environmental science in the nation; a center of excellence for extension education and outreach relating to environmental quality; and a focal point for interdisciplinary collaboration that serves as the nexus for environmental science research, teaching, and extension education.

The Chair is responsible for all aspects of the Department operations including faculty, staff, students, budget and facilities. The Chair represents the Department to all constituencies, both internal and external of the University of Maryland. The Chair reports directly to the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources as the leader of one of six academic departments in the College. The Department's annual operating budget is approximately \$8 million, two-thirds of which is derived from external competitive grant sources. It is a priority for the Chair to expand the portfolio of external grants and actively develop new sources of support for research and educational programs.

The successful candidate will: 1) hold a Ph.D. degree in a field related to the mission of the Department; 2) have outstanding academic credentials suitable for appointment to the faculty as a tenured Professor; 3) have demonstrated exemplary leadership; 4) exhibited expertise in developing innovative programs and obtaining funding by building creative partnerships; 5) have a demonstrated ability to manage personnel, budgets and facilities; and 6) have a deeply ingrained passion and understanding of environmental education, environmental research, and

community engagement.

The University of Maryland is one of the nation's top 20 public research universities and is advancing rapidly. It is the flagship campus of the University System of Maryland and has over 2,500 faculty members, 25,000 undergraduate students, and 10,000 graduate students. The campus is ideally situated near Washington, DC, in close proximity to many federal institutions, agencies, and departments including NIH, NSF, EPA, USDA, FDA, NOAA, USGS, and DHHS. For more details, please visit the websites of the Department of Environmental Science and Technology ([www.enst.umd.edu](http://www.enst.umd.edu)), the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources ([www.agnr.umd.edu](http://www.agnr.umd.edu)), and the University of Maryland ([www.umd.edu](http://www.umd.edu)).

Best consideration will be given to applications received by May 14, 2010, however the search will continue until the position is filled. The application package must include: 1) a letter of application explaining how the applicant's qualifications relate to the job expectations and the applicant's vision for the Department's future; 2) a statement of personal research and teaching interests with emphasis on how those interests complement the current faculty; 3) a signed CV; 4) the names, addresses, and contact information (telephone, email) of four references to be contacted for the most qualified applicants. The application package should be mailed to: ENST Chair Search Committee, Attn: Glenda Canales, 1296 Symons Hall, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742 USA. The application package may also be submitted electronically in PDF format to Glenda Canales at [enstsearch@umd.edu](mailto:enstsearch@umd.edu).

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications. The University of Maryland offers an extensive benefits package. The University of Maryland is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. Minorities and women are strongly encouraged to apply.