Herbarium Curator & Lecturer

The Department of Biological Sciences seeks applicants for a 12-month, full-time Herbarium Curator and Lecturer. This is a renewable, non-tenure track position with opportunity for promotion.

The successful applicant will serve as Curator of the Clemson University Herbarium. The regionally focused collection includes approximately 90,000 specimens of vascular plants and lichens that is the second largest herbarium collection in South Carolina, and part of the Bob and Betsy Campbell Museum of Natural History.

Position Responsibilities

Responsibilities as a Curator will include inventory and loan management, specimen preparation, repair, and maintenance, and maintenance of the Herbarium digital collection information system and library. Responsibilities as a Lecturer will include teaching 1-2 lecture courses with associated labs per year on topics including plant taxonomy/systematics and field-based botany, as well as supporting inquiry-based learning related to the Herbarium.

The Herbarium Curator/Lecturer will also collaborate with the Curator of the Vertebrate Collection to promote the discovery, learning, and engagement missions of the Museum of Natural History through outreach associated with plant identification, public presentations, tours, and special events. The Curator/Lecturer will supervise students and volunteers, and work closely with faculty, students, and staff to facilitate use of the collection as a resource for research and education.

The Herbarium moved into newly renovated space in Summer 2020, providing an expanded location for the collection and its use by researchers and students. The Curator/Lecturer will help develop new exhibits that promote the use of the collection for discovery, learning, and engagement.

Qualifications

Successful candidates must have an M.S. in Botany, Biology, or a related discipline at the time of appointment, with a Ph.D. preferred. Ideal candidates will demonstrate significant herbarium curatorial experience, strong computing skills (including experience working with database management systems and GIS), expertise in vascular plant identification, successful experience teaching university-level biology lecture and laboratory courses, and a commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity and inclusion. Knowledge of the flora of the Southeastern US is preferred, as is experience with specimen digitization, collections information systems and standards (e.g., Symbiota, Darwin Core, GBIF), georeferencing, and digital collection access management.
ABOUT THE CITY OF CLEMSON

Clemson is a city of approximately 14,000 year-round residents that swells to 100,000 on home football games in the fall. Clemson is in Pickens County, South Carolina. The Clemson area, located on the northwest corner of the state in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, is on the shores of Hartwell Lake, a large man-made lake with great fishing, swimming, and boating. Clemson enjoys a moderate climate year-round with average temperatures in January at 30°F to 50°F and in August of 69°F to 90°F.

The school district for the city of Clemson is Pickens County School District. Children living in the city of Clemson attend Clemson Elementary School, RC Edwards Middle School, and D.W. Daniel High School. Residents also enjoy access to the Brooks Center for the Performing Arts, the 18-hole Walker Golf Course, the Cooper Library, the South Carolina Botanical Garden, and the Bob Campbell Geology Museum on the Clemson University campus. In addition, the University has 17 NCAA teams and numerous intramural and club sports.

Downtown Greenville, located approximately 30 minutes from Clemson, offers a thriving entertainment, dining, and cultural scene and is home to the Greenville Drive, a minor league baseball team affiliated with the Boston Red Sox. Both Atlanta, Georgia and Charlotte, North Carolina are within a two-hour drive from Clemson, while outdoors lovers can be in the mountains of North Carolina in an hour or enjoy hiking, fishing, camping and more at one of several South Carolina state parks within a 45-minute drive of Clemson.
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Please submit a (1) cover letter, (2) curriculum vitae, (3) statement of curatorial/collection management experience, (4) statement of teaching philosophy, experience, and interests including strategies currently used or planned to foster diversity and inclusion, as well as strategies for integrating use of the herbarium in teaching, and (5) names and contact information for three professional references.

For full consideration, applications should be submitted by February 3, 2021. Review will continue until the position is filled.
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