



The University of Vermont

## **Director of the Environmental Program, University of Vermont – Associate / Full Professor**

The University of Vermont's Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources invites applications from outstanding candidates for the position of **Director of the Environmental Program**. The position carries the rank of Professor or Associate Professor. We seek a recognized scholar to provide vision and leadership that will enhance the Environmental Program's excellence; the Director will also continue to pursue scholarly activities of the highest quality in his/her field of study. We offer the prospect of joining UVM's vibrant campus-wide community of environmental scholars, as well as opportunities to contribute to the University's renowned focus on environmental issues and research. Scholars with a terminal degree in the ecological sciences, in natural / physical sciences, in social sciences, arts and humanities, or in interdisciplinary environmental studies, and demonstrated leadership experience, are welcome to apply.

Founded in 1972, UVM's Environmental Program (<http://www.uvm.edu/envprog/>) is among the oldest environmental studies curricula in the country, and is one of the most prominent majors on campus. The Program's Director oversees an undergraduate Environmental Studies major and minor, about 500 students in all, housed within three campus units: the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources. The Environmental Program is known for its emphasis on sustainability education, global environmental equity, and social and environmental justice, and it supports high impact educational practices through independent student research, experiential learning, and community engagement.

A candidate for the position of Director of the Environmental Program is expected to have a strong record of achievement in scholarly research and publication. The candidate should also have demonstrated leadership and administrative experience working across disciplines and perspectives, a background that includes teaching and advising at the university level, and strong communication and collaboration skills. As the leader of the Environmental Program, the Director will articulate a vision for transformative undergraduate learning, inaugurate innovative practices of sustainability education and collaborative learning, and sustain and strengthen connections with other environmentally-oriented programs at UVM.

As administrator, the Director will be responsible for faculty mentoring, curriculum and program planning, budgeting, and related activities. This is a 9-month tenured faculty position in the Rubenstein School, and reports to its Dean. The Director will devote approximately half time to program leadership, and half to research and teaching. The current leadership model includes an interim Associate Director who is a member of the Environmental Program faculty, and who assists the Director with day-to-day administrative responsibilities. Two additional staff support student services within the program.

The mission of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources (<http://www.uvm.edu/rsenr/>) is to understand, nurture, and enrich interdependence between people and healthy ecological systems. The School's tenure track, research, and teaching faculty includes social and natural scientists, arts and humanities scholars, and planners and designers who engage an array of environmental problems and challenges. With about 600 undergraduate students and 100 graduate students, the Rubenstein School offers six undergraduate majors and programs leading to M.S. and Ph.D. degrees.

The University of Vermont is located in Burlington, and is situated between the Green and Adirondack Mountains, on the shores of Lake Champlain. Founded in 1791, UVM is a public land-grant institution. It is ranked tenth best Green College in the country by *The Princeton Review* and one of the top public universities in the country by *US News and World Report*. Burlington is consistently rated as one of the most desirable U.S. cities in which to live. The area is rich in cultural and recreational activities. The University of Vermont is an equal opportunity employer; we strongly encourage applications from candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of our academic community.

Applications should be filed electronically at [www.uvmjobs.com](http://www.uvmjobs.com) under position number 005878. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, Curriculum Vitæ, and the names and contact information for three to five referees who will provide letters of reference upon request. Applicants should also submit a statement (one page maximum) that responds to two questions:

In our changing world, what are the key opportunities and challenges facing undergraduate environmental studies programs today? What will define UVM's Program to be among the foremost environmental studies programs in the future?

Review of applications will begin on February 1, 2016, and will continue until the position is filled. We anticipate a start date of July 1, 2016. Inquiries should be directed to Prof. Patricia A. Stokowski, Chair, Environmental Program Director Search Committee (802-656-3093; [Patricia.Stokowski@uvm.edu](mailto:Patricia.Stokowski@uvm.edu)).

The University of Vermont is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Applications from women, veterans, individuals with disabilities and people from diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds are encouraged. Applicants are requested to include in their cover letter information about how they will contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community.