



## FACULTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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### **DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, ENVIRONMENT, AND PLANNING**

**(Tenure-Track) Assistant Professor  
Starting Fall 2018**

Refer to #104474 on all correspondence and inquiries regarding this position.

### **OUR COMMITMENT**

Sonoma State University offers an exceptional educational experience that fosters intellectual, cognitive, social, and personal growth. As the only member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges in California, we are uniquely positioned to foster ethical exploration, civic engagement, social responsibility, and global awareness combined with a solid foundation in an academic discipline. We have a strong commitment to graduating students who have the ability to think critically and communicate effectively in an ever-changing world. The unique campus culture fosters our Seawolf Commitment to integrity, respect, excellence, and responsibility and is integrated into all campus life. We nurture inclusive excellence through a celebration of the rich diversity of our local communities and our interconnected global economy. Members of the University community are expected to work effectively with faculty, staff, and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds. SSU is especially interested in candidates who make contributions to equity and inclusion in the pursuit of excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.

### **THE UNIVERSITY**

Sonoma State University's beautiful 274-acre campus is located in Sonoma County wine country, an hour north of San Francisco. The campus offers the ideal setting for teaching and learning and access to a community of rich cultural, environmental, and recreational opportunities. Founded in 1960, Sonoma State University is one of the 23 campuses of the California State University System. As members of the largest public higher educational system in the nation, we provide accessible, high quality education to more than 9000 students. Sonoma State University is proud to be a Hispanic Serving Institution committed to achieving the goals of equal opportunity and endeavors to employ faculty and staff reflecting the ethnic and cultural diversity of the region and state.

### **FACULTY RESPONSIBILITIES**

In addition to teaching and scholarship, faculty are expected to engage in service to the department, school, and community. Sonoma State is committed to the Teacher/Scholar model and places an emphasis on faculty support of undergraduate research. Faculty are also encouraged to participate in our distinctive, high-impact Freshman and Sophomore year programs and to foster our commitment to the [CSU Graduation Initiative 2025](#) through excellent teaching, advising, and mentoring. Potential applicants are encouraged to review the [University's Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Policy](#). All faculty are required to have the ability to work effectively in a multicultural environment.

## **THE DEPARTMENT**

The Department of Geography, Environment, and Planning (GEP) at Sonoma State University (SSU) is a new interdisciplinary department within the School of Social Sciences, formed by the merger of the Departments of Geography and Environmental Studies & Planning. The Department's mission is to promote excellence in teaching and research in interconnected physical and human systems, planning for community sustainability, energy management and design, and the application of geospatial and quantitative analysis to solving complex environmental and societal problems at a range of spatial and temporal scales.

The web page for the newly formed department is available at <http://www.sonoma.edu/GEP>, and provides information regarding the range of courses currently offered and information on the faculty.

## **DUTIES OF THE POSITION**

The Department of Geography, Environment, and Planning invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor in Planning/Urban Systems, whose research and teaching interests support and strengthen a curriculum that explores and integrates environmental and social sustainability of human settlements.

The successful candidate will be a dynamic teacher/scholar whose research focus and areas of specialty address global challenges of urbanism. Specialization could include, but need not be limited to, comprehensive planning, aspects of social and urban geographic theory, community engagement, climate change mitigation and adaptation, planning for resiliency, urban design, social justice, and utilizing geospatial technology and other digital applications in planning and urban geography. The successful candidate will have the ability and desire to engage students in identifying and addressing "next" challenges in planning and urban geography and will collaborate with GEP faculty colleagues in the design and support of new curricula.

A demonstrated record of excellence in undergraduate teaching and an interest in mentoring student research are required. The Department does not presently have a graduate program, but faculty are encouraged to work with graduate students from other programs, such as Cultural Resources Management and Public Administration.

The successful candidate will be expected to teach courses in: 1) comprehensive planning in California and the U.S.; 2) urban geographic theory in a global context; 3) applied planning (e.g. transportation planning, planning for resiliency and sustainable communities, environmental impact assessment, urban design, or planning theory and methodology); and 4) for the general student population, social geography. Applications are particularly encouraged from those who use pedagogies focused on community engagement, geospatial technology applications, and/or integration across disciplines within this Department.

## **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

To be recommended for appointment, the candidate must have: a doctorate or other appropriate terminal degree in Urban and Regional Planning, Geography, or a related discipline by time of appointment. Experience as an instructor or teaching assistant or other teaching experience is desirable and classroom experience is strongly preferred.

To be recommended for tenure, the candidate must demonstrate satisfactory performance in four areas: teaching effectiveness; scholarship, research, creative achievement and professional development; service to

the University; and public service and service to the community. Although tenure may be granted at any time, contract provisions specify that "the normal period of probation shall be a total of six (6) years of full-time probationary service and credited service, if any. Any deviation from the normal six (6) year probationary period shall be the decision of the President following his/her consideration of recommendations from the department or equivalent unit and appropriate administrator(s)." Tenure is required for promotion above the level of Associate Professor.

## **RANK AND SALARY**

Salary, service credit, and rank (when appropriate) depends upon academic preparation and professional experience.

The approximate salary range for this position is: \$67,200 - \$71,000.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

To apply for this position, go to [www.sonoma.edu/jobs](http://www.sonoma.edu/jobs) and select Job Opportunities. If you are not currently employed at Sonoma State University, select the *External Applicants* box. You will be redirected to a list of all available jobs at Sonoma State University. Find and select the faculty position you are applying for to view the description and select *Apply Now*. If you have not applied for a job at Sonoma State University previously you will be asked to *Register Now* in order to proceed. After submitting the application letter and curriculum vitae, please proceed to [My Career Tools](#) to attach the additional required documents. Your statement of research interests may be a statement of scholarship and/or creative activity if appropriate to your discipline. PDFs are the preferred format for all submissions. Once you have submitted all materials, a confirmation email will be automatically sent to you. If you encounter difficulties during the application process, please email [facultysearch@sonoma.edu](mailto:facultysearch@sonoma.edu). Applications submitted to the faculty search email address will not be considered, so please use [the www.sonoma.edu/jobs](http://www.sonoma.edu/jobs) link above.

Please submit:

### **Required**

- Application letter
- Curriculum vitae

### **Additional Required Documents**

- Statement of Research Interests
- Teaching Philosophy
- Student Evaluations
- Contact Information for three (3) References to be contacted by the committee members

Letters of Recommendation will be requested from finalists only.

Official transcripts may be required at the time of hire.

Sonoma State University hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All offers of employment are contingent upon presentation of documents demonstrating the appointee's identity and eligibility to work, in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act. A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU.

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

Applications received by November 26, 2017 will be given full consideration. The position will remain open until filled.

Questions concerning this position may be directed to:

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Questions concerning the application process may be directed to: [facultysearch@sonoma.edu](mailto:facultysearch@sonoma.edu).

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## **OTHER INFORMATION**

The university is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, or protected veteran status.

This position is considered a “mandated reporter” under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

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