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**Subject:** Warren Wilson College is hiring!

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## **Professor of Animal Science and Sustainable Agriculture**

**DESCRIPTION:** Warren Wilson College seeks applicants for a full-time faculty position with joint appointment in the Departments of Biology and Environmental Studies. The successful applicant must be able to teach animal anatomy and/or physiology, introductory biology, and animal-related courses in their specialty that will support Warren Wilson College's thriving Sustainable Agriculture program. Specialties of particular interest include animal nutrition, animal science, and coursework that would support students pursuing careers in veterinary science and/or livestock management. The position also includes mentoring students in undergraduate research projects, particularly those related to animal dimensions of Sustainable Agriculture, and academic advising for baccalaureate core requirements and major requirements, as well as pre-professional advising for pre-vet students in the Biology and Environmental Studies programs. Successful candidates will have evidence of excellence in and dedication to undergraduate teaching and a track record of relevant scholarly activity. This is a full-time, continuing faculty position in an extended contract system.

The Department of Biology emphasizes hands-on immersive studies of the living world within the context of a liberal arts education. The program awards two degrees: a B.S. in Biology and a B.S. in Conservation Biology. The Biology major allows students to explore a broad range of biological disciplines and scales of organization (ranging from molecules to ecosystems), as well as the opportunity to explore one of several specialized areas in greater depth. The Conservation Biology major is designed for students wishing to specialize in conservation-oriented research, with the intent to pursue graduate school in the natural sciences and/or work as conservation scientists in academia, government, or the private sector.

The Department of Environmental Studies is an interdisciplinary learning community preparing leaders able to critically assess, develop, and promote sustainable futures for life on Earth. Program graduates have a strong foundation in the natural sciences and a rich understanding of the social, political and ethical implications of environmental problems and solutions. Approximately 300 acres of ecologically-managed working farmland, including both livestock and vegetable production, serve as a hands-on laboratory for the Sustainable Agriculture concentration of the program. We cultivate student leaders with a strong work ethic, continuing an agricultural tradition dating to 1894 in the Swannanoa Valley of western North Carolina.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Regular teaching load is 24 credit hours per year; typically, 4 credits are re-assigned to mentor undergraduate research projects.
- Provide academic and career advising to students within Biology and Sustainable Agriculture.
- Mentor student research projects within the Natural Science Undergraduate Research Sequence.
- Participate in and contribute to the business of the Biology and Environmental Studies Departments.

- Contribute to the college's General Education Program, as appropriate.
- Service to the college, and ongoing professional development and scholarly activity.

#### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- PhD in relevant field earned by August 1, 2018.
- Successful undergraduate teaching experience.
- Demonstrated commitment to professional growth and scholarship.

#### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience in animal agriculture or the veterinary sciences.
- Past work in diverse or multicultural environments.
- Experience teaching Introductory Biology.
- Commitment to experiential and applied learning pedagogy.
- Experience mentoring undergraduate research.

Interested candidates should submit cover letter, curriculum vitae, and contact information for three professional references to [hr@warren-wilson.edu](mailto:hr@warren-wilson.edu). Cover letter should describe how the position aligns with the candidate's expertise and interests and explain how, as a teacher, scholar, mentor, or community member, the candidate would contribute to Warren Wilson College's commitment to diversity and inclusion. Electronic submission is required. Review of applications will begin on December 1, 2017 and will continue until the search concludes.

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Warren Wilson College is an independent liberal arts college located on a beautiful 1135-acre campus in the Blue Ridge Mountains on the edge of Asheville, North Carolina. The college's educational model integrates academics, campus work, and community engagement for a rich, challenging student experience. We seek individuals with a genuine interest in our unique approach to education, and a willingness to fully participate in the life of the college.

We desire a diverse faculty and a community that reflects a global outlook. WWC is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation, race, color, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, gender, age, marital status, or disability.