Cluster Hire: Spatial Analysis Center Director

The University of California at Riverside (UCR) is embarking on a major new hiring initiative that will add 300 tenure-track positions in 33 cross-disciplinary areas selected through a peer-reviewed competition (clusterhiring.ucr.edu). Over the next three years, we will hire multiple faculty members in each area and invest in research infrastructure to support their work. This initiative will build critical mass in vital and emerging fields of scholarship, foster truly cross-disciplinary work and further diversify the faculty at one of America’s most diverse research universities. We encourage applications from scholars committed to excellence and seeking to help redefine the research university for the next generation.

We seek a Founding Director, at the Associate or Full Professor rank, for a new Spatial Analysis Center at University of California Riverside (UCR). The Director will provide vision and leadership for coordinated efforts with center faculty spanning engineering, science, and humanities, policy, and education colleges. While the expertise of the center Director may emphasize applications in spatial science from any discipline or the management of spatial information, experience leading interdisciplinary research teams is valued. A Ph.D. and a record of excellence and leadership in spatial research is required. Through the creation of the Spatial Analysis Center we will bring together a critical mass of researchers at UCR who will enable coordinated advances in how dynamic spatial databases are built, how people interact with spatial data of immense complexity, and how new spatial analysis systems are used for understanding dynamics and feedbacks in the built and natural environment. Additional new faculty hired following the Director will join an existing research community that is developing cutting-edge spatial technologies and applying these tools to university-wide interdisciplinary challenges in fields spanning global climate and biodiversity, autonomous vehicles, cultural heritage, demographic changes, and big-data. The new center is part of a substantial recent investment by UCR in high performance computing and Data Science, which provides an exciting environment for advancing spatial analysis throughout the university. As part of a university-wide center, the Director will have an appropriate academic departmental home but the center will report to the Vice Chancellor for Research.

Depending upon the department of appointment, the position may include an appointment in the Agricultural Experiment Station, which includes the responsibility to conduct research and outreach relevant to the mission of the California Agricultural Experiment Station (http://cnas.ucr.edu/about/aes/).

Applications must include a curriculum vitae, cover letter, statements of research and teaching interests, a leadership statement for the center, statement of contributions to diversity, and full contact information for three to five references. All application materials must be submitted through AP Recruit at: https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF00526. Review of applications will begin March 15, 2016 and will continue until the position is filled with an anticipated start date of June 30, 2016. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. For more information about the position, contact Darrel Jenerette (darrel.jenerette@ucr.edu), Search Chair, Department of Botany and Plant Sciences, University of California Riverside.
The University of California is an Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer with a strong institutional commitment to the achievement of excellence and diversity among its faculty and staff. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

UCR is a world-class research university with an exceptionally diverse undergraduate student body. Its mission is explicitly linked to providing routes to educational success for underrepresented and first-generation college students. A commitment to this mission is a preferred qualification. Advancement through the faculty ranks at the University of California is through a series of structured, merit-based evaluations, occurring every 2-3 years, each of which includes substantial peer input.