

University of California –
California Conservation Genomics Project
Associate Director Position Opening



The UCLA La Kretz Center for California Conservation Science seeks applicants for an Associate Director to help administer and coordinate the activities of the California Conservation Genomics Project (CCGP), a UC-wide project using conservation genomics to protect endangered, threatened and ecologically important species in California. This full-time position is based at UCLA and would begin as soon as a qualified candidate is identified and available.

Under the supervision of the Director of the UCLA La Kretz Center for California Conservation Science, who is also the Project Director for the CCGP, the Associate Director will have responsibilities in these broad areas: (1) communicate and coordinate with multiple committees and research teams; (2) promote collaboration among groups; (3) manage project reports, data archiving and production of deliverables; and (4) conduct integrative research relevant to the project. The incumbent will work with the Scientific Executive and UC-Wide Advisory Committees, and will be responsible for the management of the project, including (i) helping with the design of the sampling, (ii) overseeing the submission of data, and (iii) ensuring that reports submitted by multiple research teams are timely and complete. While the primary responsibility is project management, the ideal candidate would also undertake one or more research projects within the candidate's area of research expertise that relate to some aspect of the project. We are particularly interested in candidates accustomed to working with very large genomic and georeferenced data sets and pipelines.

The successful applicant should be a PhD scientist with project management experience and research expertise in data management, GIS, landscape statistics, bioinformatics, and/or genomics. The candidate must have experience managing and archiving multiple large, complex data sets, and a demonstrated ability to conduct and publish synthetic research on natural populations, write reports, communicate with research teams, adhere to timelines and deadlines, and communicate findings to the public, governmental and NGO agencies, and the broad scientific community. The candidate should also have excellent interpersonal skills, be able to interact effectively with persons of differing social, educational, economic and cultural backgrounds, and have the ability to pay attention to detail while keeping in mind the overall mission of the CCGP.

Applicants are encouraged to apply before 29 February 2019 but applications will reviewed upon receipt and continue until the position is filled. Candidates should submit a C.V., cover letter, statement of administrative experience, and description of a research project or activity relevant to the goals of CCGP to <https://recruit.apo.ucla.edu/JPF05116>

- The salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- Full-time (100% time) position, with a flexible starting date as early as April 1, 2020
- Renewable for up to three years
- Applications will be reviewed by the CCGP Science Executive Committee.

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