



Assistant Professor of Marine Megafauna Biology (Tenure Track, F0323A1)

Department of Biological Sciences, College of Sciences
Old Dominion University

The Department of Biological Sciences at Old Dominion University invites applications for a full-time, ten-month tenure-track, Assistant Professor with expertise in Marine Megafauna.

We seek candidates working on the biology, physiology, behavior, ecology, and/or evolution of megafauna inhabiting the world's oceans, including large fishes, marine mammals, sea turtles, and seabirds. The successful candidate is expected to have strong quantitative skills and play a key role in the very popular Marine Biology Concentration Program for undergraduates. ODU borders the largest estuary in North America and is near oceanic migratory routes of many marine megafauna, with numerous research opportunities within close proximity, including the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center and Virginia Sea Grant.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate is expected to develop and maintain active research programs that are externally funded, teach undergraduate and graduate courses, and contribute to service in the department. Candidates who are prepared to engage in interdisciplinary research will be especially welcome. Potential teaching responsibilities include vertebrate zoology; marine vertebrate ecology, management, and conservation; and/or graduate-level courses related to the candidate's research discipline.

Qualifications: Candidates must have a doctorate (Ph.D. or equivalent) in biology or related discipline. Candidates must have a strong scholarship record commensurate with experience, demonstrated potential to establish an externally funded active research program, evidence of excellence in teaching, and strong communication skills. Postdoctoral or equivalent experience is required. We are seeking candidates who share ODU's commitment to the principle that diversity and inclusion are critical to maintaining excellence.

ODU and the College of Sciences are committed to inclusive excellence, recognizing that diversity enhances and enriches our educational mission, employment experience, and community engagement. We seek candidates whose research, teaching, and/or service experiences have prepared them to fulfill our commitment to inclusion. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status.

ODU (www.odu.edu) is a minority-serving, state-supported, Carnegie classified R1 institution enrolling approximately 25,000 students, including 6,000 graduate students. It is located in Norfolk, a historic waterfront city in southeastern Virginia offering outstanding quality of life (www.norfolk.gov). The department has strong graduate programs, including a M.S. in Biology and Ph.D. in Ecological Sciences, and we are in the process of adding a broader Ph.D. in Biological Sciences (www.odu.edu/biosci). The department is also a main participant in the interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences program.

Interested individuals should submit: a cover letter describing their qualifications for the position, a curriculum vitae, a statement of research achievements and research plans (2 page max), a teaching statement (1 page max), a diversity statement explaining your experience with and commitment to fostering diversity and

inclusion (1 page max), unofficial graduate transcripts, and names and contact information for at least three references electronically through the job title posting at <https://jobs.odu.edu/postings/17184>. Incomplete applications will not be considered. For full consideration, please apply by November 15, 2022, however the position will be open until filled. Questions about the position can be directed to Dr. Ian Bartol, Search Committee Chair (ibartol@odu.edu).

It is the policy of Old Dominion University to provide equal employment, educational and social opportunities for all persons, without regard to race (or traits historically associated with race including hair texture, hair type, and protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists), color, religion, sex or gender (including pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions), national origin, gender identity or expression, age, veteran status, disability, political affiliation, sexual orientation or genetic information. Minorities, women, veterans and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.