



Endowed Research Professorship in Marine Mammal Conservation

The Robert K. Johnson Center for Marine Conservation in the Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric, and Earth Science is seeking applicants for an endowed research faculty position focused on marine mammal conservation. This is a non-tenure track position targeting candidates at the Research Assistant Professor level, with the possibility of Research Associate Professor or Research Full Professor appointments for exceptional candidates. The position emphasizes research and outreach/engagement, with some teaching and advising responsibilities. Candidates will be provided 9 months of salary for their first year, after which they will be expected to raise a portion of their salary from external funding sources (research grants and/or philanthropic gifts).

Established in 2023, the Robert K. Johnson Center for Marine Conservation is a new hub for interdisciplinary, solutions-oriented marine conservation research, education, engagement, and science communication within the Rosenstiel School. This position is part of a cluster hire for endowed research professors who will help launch the new Center and accelerate its growth and impact. Our current faculty are leading scholars whose work addresses pressing marine conservation challenges to advance ocean health, human well-being, and ocean justice in the South Florida region and globally.

We seek rising leaders in marine mammal conservation, broadly defined. Candidates may draw from diverse backgrounds in the natural, social, and/or Indigenous sciences and methodologies, including but not limited to: environmental physiology, marine ecology, conservation biology, governance, law, policy, anthropology, geography, economics, or other areas. Areas of focus may include, for example: human-wildlife interactions; human/cultural uses and values; novel uses of technology, such as biologging and remote sensing; physiology; impacts of climate change, fisheries, or offshore energy exploration and development; acoustics; disease/toxicology; genetics; ethics; governance, policy, or management; highly migratory species; historical ecology; marine mammal sociality.

The successful candidate will lead cutting-edge research on salient contemporary issues with applied links to policy, management, education and/or practice. Candidates must demonstrate strong research productivity and research partnerships, evidence of potential to secure extramural funding, and commitment to teaching and mentorship at the undergraduate and graduate levels. In addition to research and teaching, candidates will be expected to conduct impactful outreach and engagement with practitioner, community, and/or rightsholder groups relevant to their work, such as federal or state agencies, Indigenous communities, NGOs, citizen science groups, K-12 students, industry groups or others.

The Rosenstiel School is ideally located in a region with many opportunities for fieldwork, including several sites of national importance (e.g., in Dry Tortugas National Park, Biscayne National Park, Everglades National Park, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary). There are also numerous potential partners located in the region from public, private, academic, and

nonprofit sectors (e.g., NOAA's Southeast Fisheries Science Center, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida International University, numerous local rescue organizations and facilities). The successful candidate will have access to state-of-the-art facilities and equipment in the Rosenstiel School and the rest of the University of Miami, including the NOAA funded Cooperative Institute For Marine And Atmospheric Studies (CIMAS), and the Frost Institute for Data Science and Computation (IDSC).

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice are core to the Center's mission and work. We particularly encourage applications from candidates who would add to the long-standing goal of increasing diversity in the Rosenstiel School. We are especially interested in scholars who demonstrate evidence of promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in research, teaching, and service.

The Research Professor will have a dual appointment between the Robert K. Johnson Center for Marine Conservation and one of two departments within the Rosenstiel School: either the Department of Environmental Science and Policy or the Department of Marine Biology and Ecology.

The preferred start date is January 1, 2024, and no later than August 15, 2024. To be eligible, candidates must hold a Ph.D. or terminal degree in their field by the appointment start date.

Applications can be submitted via the UM Careers website at https://umiami.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/UMFaculty/details/Endowed-Research-Professorship-in-Marine-Mammal-Conservation_R100069164

Applications shall include:

- Letter of interest that summarizes your anticipated contributions to scholarship, diversity, equity and inclusion as well as teaching, and outreach/engagement.
- Current CV
- Research statement
- A statement that describes your philosophy and experience with teaching and outreach/engagement/science communication
- A statement that explains your contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion
- The names of three colleagues who can provide us with a reference

All your application documents can be uploaded as a single PDF or in up to five documents (5MB per file) under the Resume/CV section of your online application. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the positions are filled. Please contact Dr. Rebecca Gruby at rgruby@miami.edu for additional information.