

Tenure Track Position Announcement
Social Science and Climate Change
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Cornell University
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Cornell University recently established a Climate Change Initiative as part of its Center for a Sustainable Future. The Center is serving to focus and integrate the growing interest across academic departments in climate change to help find solutions to this pressing world issue. As part of the Climate Change Initiative, the Center is facilitating the hiring of several faculty members over the next three years in the social sciences, humanities, biological and physical sciences, and engineering (see www.ccsf.cornell.edu for more information).

In this announcement we are seeking applications from social scientists for a tenure track position at the ASSISTANT or ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR rank. The position will involve 50% research and 50% teaching responsibilities and the individual will be expected to develop an internationally recognized and externally funded social science research program in the area of climate change. Qualified applicants from any social science field must have an established record of scholarship with clear relevance to climate change issues, and should have demonstrated ability to participate in and/or lead interdisciplinary projects with teams. Some level of grounding in the biogeochemical or ecological aspects of climate change, or a track record that demonstrates successful collaboration with these elements, will be viewed positively, as our vision is to hire someone capable of bridging social and biophysical sciences in line with the traditions of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Additionally, demonstrated ability to engage with non-academic audiences in industry, civil society and/or government in research is expected. The scope of the position is intentionally broad and a wide range of research areas will be considered. This “open department” search seeks to place outstanding candidates in departments they best match. Potential home departments are Applied Economics and Management, Communication, Development Sociology, and Natural Resources. There is potential for a multi-departmental appointment if appointment is at the rank of associate professor.

Applicants should submit a cover letter indicating why they are a good candidate for this position and this Initiative, including a statement of research and teaching interests, together with a curriculum vitae. All materials, which may include one or two reprints, should be submitted electronically as a single PDF file to Prof. David Wolfe, Search Committee Chair, c/o Kelly Tillotson, klt8@cornell.edu. Three letters of recommendation are also requested. Applications will be reviewed through January 15, 2011, or until a suitable candidate is identified.

Cornell University, located in Ithaca, New York, is an inclusive, dynamic, and innovative Ivy League university and New York's land-grant institution. Cornell University is an equal opportunity, affirmative action educator and employer. Applications from women and minorities are encouraged.