

Postdoctoral Research Associate Position

Ecology and Evolution of Plankton

Research opportunities are available for post-doctoral research associates in the Menden-Deuer lab at the University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography. Potential research projects include investigating (i) plankton populations in the North Atlantic, (ii) temperature dependence in heterotrophic protists growth and grazing rates and (iii) effects of intra-specific variability on biodiversity. Please consult the lab's website for details on these projects, and past publications for an overview of the goals pursued in our lab.

Responsibilities and Duties: In collaboration with the PI and members of the lab, the successful applicant will be responsible for a research project from design to dissemination in the peer-reviewed literature and everything in between. Moreover, all members of the lab are required to contribute to the functioning of the lab, assistance with graduate and undergraduate student mentoring and public engagement. The successful applicant will have opportunities for career development, incl. networking, outreach and grant proposal preparation. There is no teaching requirement but opportunities will be made available.

Qualifications: Before starting the position, applicants are required to have a completed Ph.D. in Oceanography, Life Science, or related field. Start date is negotiable but expected to commence no later than February 2018. Excellent command of the English language (written and verbal), experimental design and quantitative analytical skills are essential. Applicants are expected to be independently motivated and enthusiastic about research. Candidates should possess demonstrable skills relevant to the research and have a record of publication in peer-reviewed journals. Preference will be given to candidates demonstrating creativity, curiosity and perseverance, as well as those with excellent writing skills and outstanding productivity.

Appointment: The position is for 12 months initially (with a 4 month evaluation period), and renewable for an additional 12 months contingent on the continued availability of funds and satisfactory performance.

To Apply: Applications must include (1) a brief statement of experience, career goals, research vision and interests, highlighting relevance to the research in our lab; (2) curriculum vitae, (3) reprints of relevant publications and (4) names and contact information of three referees willing to write confidential letters of recommendation. All materials should be emailed as pdf documents to: smenden@uri.edu with '*PostDoc Application*' in the subject line. Candidates will be selected based on overall excellence, including academic qualifications, letters of recommendation, skills, and productivity. The position is compensated through a competitive salary and excellent benefits package and located on URI's beautiful Bay Campus in Narragansett. Consideration of applications will begin 15th September 2017.

Further information:

Menden-Deuer lab: <http://mendendeuerlab.com/>

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