FACULTY POSITION OPENING

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE
Northridge, California 91330

Department: Urban Studies and Planning

Effective Date of Appointment: August 19, 2015
(Subject to Budgetary Approval)

Rank: Assistant Professor

Salary: Dependent upon qualifications

The University:
Located in the City of Los Angeles and serving more than 38,000 students each year, CSUN is one of the largest universities in the United States. CSUN ranks 10th in the country in awarding bachelor’s degrees to underrepresented minority students, fifth nationally in awarding master’s degrees to Hispanic students and enrolls the largest number of deaf and hard-of-hearing students of any U.S. state university. CSUN’s 171 academic programs and engaged centers enjoy international recognition for excellence. CSUN currently partners with more than 100 institutions of higher education in 22 countries around the globe and attracts the largest international student population of any U.S. master’s level institution. Situated on a 356-acre park-like setting in the heart of Los Angeles’ San Fernando Valley, the campus features modern educational buildings and world-class LEED Gold-certified performing arts and recreational facilities recognized as among the best in the country. CSUN is a welcoming university that champions accessibility, academic excellence and student success.

CSUN is strongly committed to achieving excellence through teaching, scholarship, active learning and diversity. Our values include a respect for all people, building alliances with the community and the encouragement of innovation, experimentation and creativity. CSUN is designated as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and an Asian American, Native American, Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) and we value the diversity of all of our students and the campus community. CSUN actively encourages qualified candidates to apply who have experience working with students from diverse backgrounds and a demonstrated commitment to improving access to higher education for under-represented students.

As an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, CSUN strives to create a community in which a diverse population can work, teach and learn in an atmosphere of civility and respect for the rights of each individual. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, gender, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, genetic information, marital status, or veteran status. For more information about the University, check our website: http://www.csun.edu/

At time of appointment, the successful candidate, if not a U.S. citizen, must have authorization from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services to work in the United States.

Qualifications:
Ph.D. in city, urban, or regional planning, urban studies, or a closely related field from a fully accredited university is required. A specialization in environmental planning and/or environmental sustainability is required. Additional expertise in computer based-graphic communication methods and the ability to teach these techniques (e.g. geographic information science - GIS, CAD, and Sketch-Up) is strongly preferred. Additional expertise in geographic techniques, qualitative research methods, and community development are desired.

Prior college or university level teaching experience (as the instructor of record) in a comparable university setting is required as is the ability to teach and mentor a diverse student population.

Research experience in city, urban, or regional planning, urban studies, and/or closely related fields is required. Candidates with evidence of peer-reviewed scholarly publication and/or successful grant applications are preferred. An interest in community engagement and developing research projects in the local community is desired.

Responsibilities:
Teaching is the primary job responsibility. The department offers a BA in urban studies and planning and a MA in urban planning. Teaching responsibilities will include introductory level general education courses focusing on the evolution of urbanism and the structure of cities as well as upper division and graduate level courses reflecting department needs and the candidate’s areas of professional expertise. The candidate may also have the opportunity to teach in the Department of Geography. The normal teaching load is 12 credits per semester. The successful candidate will pursue an ongoing research agenda and will publish the results of their research in peer-reviewed journals. Service to the department, college, and university is also a key job responsibility.

Application Deadline:
Screening of applications will begin 31 October 2014. Priority will be given to applicants who meet the screening deadline. However, the position will remain open until filled. Applicants should submit a letter of application and a curriculum vitae. After an initial review and in later phases of the search process, selected applicants will be requested to provide three current letters of recommendation, teaching evaluations, as well as verification of terminal degrees, licenses and certificates.
Inquiries and applications should be addressed to:
Faculty Search Committee Chair <urban.studies@csun.edu>.
Department of Urban Studies and Planning
California State University, Northridge
Los Angeles, California 91330

The preferred method to receive applications is electronically to <urban.studies@csun.edu>.

General Information:

The person holding this position is considered a ‘mandated reporter’ under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

Applicants who wish to request accommodations for a disability may contact the Office of Equity and Diversity, (818) 677-2077.