FACULTY POSITION OPENING
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, NORTHRIDGE
Northridge, California 91330

Department: Geography
Rank: Assistant Professor, Tenure Track
Effective Date of Appointment: August 19, 2015
(Subject to Budgetary Approval)
Salary: $62,000 - $65,000
Dependent upon qualifications

The University:
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, medical information, marital status, or veteran status. For more information about the University, check our website: http://www.csun.edu/.

Qualifications: Ph.D. in Geography required at time of appointment. The Department of Geography welcomes applications from broadly trained geographers with expertise in Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and specialization in some aspect of public health and safety, broadly conceived. We seek a dedicated instructor who is passionate about teaching and who will complement and enhance the Department’s outstanding reputation for undergraduate and graduate instruction. Priority will be given to candidates with coursework and/or training in cognate disciplines such as Sociology/Criminology or related fields. The candidate preferably has proven/demonstrated expertise and an active research agenda using advanced applications of geospatial technologies and GIS in an aspect of public health and safety, such as natural hazards, environmental justice, crime geography, urban fire ecology, or urban social justice. Priority will be given to candidates with expertise in spatial statistical methods and experience in web-based mapping development and applications. Preference will be given to candidates who can develop projects based in Southern California. Candidates should have demonstrated excellence or potential for excellence in teaching, scholarly research, and professional and community service. The successful applicant must also be committed to educational equity in a multicultural setting and must show a commitment to advancing the participation of diverse groups and supporting diverse perspectives. Experience in advising and course development is an asset. The candidate will also be expected to supervise student research at the Master’s level and contribute to departmental and university service.

CSUN is a Learning Centered University. The successful candidate will be expected to join faculty and staff in a commitment to active learning, to the assessment of learning outcomes, and to multiple pathways that enable students to graduate.

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.

Evidence of degree(s) required at time of hire.

Responsibilities: Teaching responsibilities will include both Geography and GIS courses at all levels and graduate courses in candidate's area of expertise. In addition, candidates will be expected to teach lower division general education courses in environmental, human, and/or physical geography as well as upper division courses in Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and public health and safety. Candidates may have the opportunity to teach crime mapping within the Department of Sociology. Normal teaching load is 12 units per semester, with opportunities for reduction in teaching load for funded research. There will be a reduced teaching load during the first two years of appointment. We seek a geographer who will involve students in research projects, field work, and data analysis, who will mentor students in their senior thesis and master's degree research, and generally prepare students for careers in the GIS profession. The successful candidate will also be expected to contribute to our graduate program in GIS, advise students, contribute to department, college, and university committees, participate in professional conferences, publish in peer-reviewed journals, and seek external grants.
**Application Deadline:**
Screening of applications will begin December 15, 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 stating teaching philosophy and research agenda, curriculum vitae, and, if possible, evidence of teaching effectiveness and scholarship and name and contact information of three referees. Email applications are not accepted. In later phases of the search process, applicants may be requested to provide verification of terminal degrees, licenses and certificates.

**Inquiries and applications should be addressed to:**
Chair, Search and Screen Committee
Department of Geography
California State University Northridge
Northridge, CA 91330-8249.

**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.