



GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

University System of Georgia

Director, James H. Oliver, Jr., Institute of Arthropodology & Parasitology—Search 59318

Department of Biology

The College of Science and Technology invites nominations and applications for the position of **Director of the James H. Oliver, Jr. Institute of Arthropodology & Parasitology (IAP)** at the Associate or Full Professor rank. Georgia Southern University (<http://www.georgiasouthern.edu>), a member institution of the University System of Georgia and a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University, is one of Georgia's premier universities. A residential university serving more than 19,000 students in fall 2010, Georgia Southern is recognized for providing the benefits of a major university with the feeling of a much smaller college. Founded in 1906, the University offers more than 100 campus-based and online degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels through eight colleges. The nearly 700 acre park-like campus is located in Statesboro, a classic Main Street community near historic Savannah and Hilton Head Island.

Within this setting, the IAP is an interdepartmental organization housed within the College of Science and Technology. The IAP serves as a center where persons with interests in parasitic arthropods and vector-borne diseases can interact and focus on research and applied problems. The U.S. National Tick Collection is an integral part of the IAP. It is the largest tick collection in the world with several million specimens representing approximately 90% of the world's species. The collection remains the property of the Smithsonian Institution, but is on long-term loan.

The IAP is closely allied with the Department of Biology and collaboration with members of this department is expected. The Department of Biology consists of a diverse faculty of teacher-scholars involved in a wide spectrum of activities from molecular to ecological studies on the coastal plain and throughout the world. The Department provides undergraduate and graduate students with a challenging education that is research-based and technology-oriented.

Position Description. The Director reports to the Dean of the College of Science and Technology. The position requires research, teaching, and service responsibilities as well as a terminal degree. Responsibilities include: administering the IAP, supervising a staff that includes the Curator and Assistant Curator of the U.S. National Tick Collection, promoting and facilitating the growth of basic and applied research, achieving a well-funded research program in a field central to the IAP's mission, maintaining active participation in international research initiatives and collaborative efforts, obtaining external funding, teaching one course per year, and engaging in appropriate outreach. The position is a 9-month, tenure-track appointment, and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:

- Ph.D., D.Sc. or equivalent degree
- Research in any area appropriate to the IAP's mission (<http://www.bio.georgiasouthern.edu/iap/Mission.htm>)
- Strong record of external funding

- Established record of research/scholarship, teaching, and service, meriting appointment at the rank of Associate Professor or Full Professor
- For appointment at Associate Professor rank, a minimum of four years of full-time college/university teaching experience at the Assistant Professor level (or equivalent) is required along with a strong record of research and service with publications and presentations in professional venues.
- For appointment at Full Professor rank, a minimum of five years of full-time college/university teaching experience at the Associate Professor level (or equivalent) is required along with a strong record of research and service with substantial publications and presentations in professional venues.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Administrative experience gained by leading a research group, center or institute
- Participation in international research initiatives or interdisciplinary research groups

Screening of applications will begin 22 Oct. 2010. The position starting date is 1 August 2011. A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications and duties cited above, a curriculum vitae, and letters from at least 3 professional references. Other documentation may be requested. Nominations, applications and letters of reference may be mailed as a hardcopy or in PDF format sent via email to IAPDirectorSearch@georgiasouthern.edu.

Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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