

## Internal Search for Director, Center for Sustainable Environments

NAU's Center for Sustainable Environments addresses complex environmental issues at multiple spatial and temporal scales, from the Colorado Plateau to global systems. By combining interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate programs in environmental sciences, policy, and studies with outreach and educational programs, CSE addresses the diverse needs of regional and national stakeholders. We seek a leader to guide the Center as it integrates these missions and builds upon NAU's strengths as a leading interdisciplinary institution addressing critical environmental issues. For more information about the Center for Sustainable Environments, please visit [cefns.nau.edu/Academic/CSE](http://cefns.nau.edu/Academic/CSE).

We seek a visionary, forward-looking leader from within the College of Engineering, Forestry and Natural Sciences, with proven intellectual, administrative, and development skills who will work with faculty in partnering academic units, with NAU students, and with a growing number of external partners, to advance the mission of the expanding CSE.

The director position will retain the existing role of guiding an active academic program with over 300 undergraduate and graduate majors, while also focusing on the future direction of NAU with respect to sustainability, environmental curricula and degree programs, outreach activities, scholarly activity and student research and internship support. These future directions will address major issues including: Sustainability, Community, and Biocultural Diversity; The Southwest Environment; Globalization and Environmental Change; Landscape Interpretation and Conservation; Water and Energy Systems, and Climate Change.

An important part of the position will be to develop and implement plans for further reorganization of the CSE, including the possible formation of a new school of the environment (name and participants to be determined). We anticipate that these discussions and any plan that emerges will recognize the unique culture of the CSE as an open, outward-looking interdisciplinary unit that encourages an opt-in strategy for new members of the group.

The successful candidate must be willing to consider new models for interdisciplinary, interdepartmental and cross-college organization and cooperation, including potential integration between CSE and other units in addition to Geology, both within and outside of the College of Engineering, Forestry, and Natural Sciences. The Director will report to the Dean of the College, must represent CSE effectively to the university administration, external constituents (including state, federal, and tribal agencies, and non-governmental organizations), the state and national political leadership, and to the public.

We anticipate that the period of appointment would be two to three years. The successful candidate will ideally co-teach one or more interdisciplinary core courses, such that the combined teaching effort is the equivalent of one course per year. The Director will be expected to continue to oversee a research program, actively involving students. Successful program management experience, particularly with respect to interdisciplinary programs, is of equal importance.

The Director will be charged with overseeing a range of activities including

- academics: advising, curricula, and degree program management for graduate degrees in environmental sciences and policy, Quaternary sciences, and a graduate certificate program in conservation ecology; and undergraduate programs in environmental sciences, environmental studies, and the Grand Canyon semester. We will continue to liaise with other academic units including academic departments across NAU, such as the program in Community, Culture and the Environment and the Master of Arts in Sustainable Communities.
- outreach: fostering and expanding community outreach as well as developing funds to promote these activities. We wish to build upon current ties to a number of external federal, state, tribal and non-governmental partners.
- campus sustainability: cooperating with the new office for campus sustainability.

Minimum qualifications include a doctorate in a field related to environmental or sustainability studies; experience in educational, research and outreach activities in environmental sciences or studies appropriate for appointment as an associate or full professor.

Preferred qualifications include a recognized record of teaching and research in environmental sciences or studies, sustainability or natural resources; demonstrated leadership experience in the successful development and management of interdisciplinary environmental programs; experience in creating synergy between these programs, other university programs and outside interests; proven ability to engage partners and funders in their program implementation; and experience with or commitment to working effectively in a culturally diverse environment.

Send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and names and contact information for at least three references to Chair, Director of Center for Sustainable Environments Search Committee, College of Engineering, Forestry and Natural Sciences, Box 5621, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ 86011-5694. ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS are preferred. Please bundle your application materials into a single .pdf document. Send to [Jamie.Baxter@nau.edu](mailto:Jamie.Baxter@nau.edu).

Position will be open until filled, with first review of applications beginning on February 6, 2009.