

POSTDOCTORAL POSITION IN PRIMATE BIOGEOGRAPHY AND COMMUNITY ECOLOGY, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Dr. Jason Kamilar (UMass Amherst) and Dr. Kaye Reed (Arizona State) seek a Postdoctoral Research Associate for a NSF funded project examining the ecology and evolution of primate communities on a global scale. Additional project personnel include Dr. Lydia Beaudrot (U Michigan). The Postdoc will be based in Kamilar's Comparative Primatology Lab at UMass Amherst (www.kamilarlab.org) and will have opportunities to interact with faculty and students in the Anthropology Department (<https://www.umass.edu/anthro/>), as well as the Graduate Program in Organismic and Evolutionary Biology (<http://gpls.cns.umass.edu/oeb>).

Applicants must have a PhD in biological anthropology, ecology and evolution, or related field in hand before the position start date (July 15, 2018, though there is some flexibility). The ideal candidate will have strong quantitative skills, including but not limited to: experience conducting analyses in R, ecological modeling, species distribution modeling, phylogenetic comparative methods. Experience with ArcGIS is a plus. A specific background and/or interest in macroecology, biogeography, or community ecology is desired. In addition, we seek a scholar that has the ability to work as part of a team, but also act independently. Evidence of peer-reviewed publications is highly valued.

The primary responsibilities of the position include data analysis, drafting manuscripts, and supervising an undergraduate research assistant.

This is a 1 year (12 month) position that is not renewable, though we welcome a motivated postdoc to apply for funding through other sources to fund additional years. For example, the highly competitive Darwin Postdoctoral Fellowship may be available for the 2019-2020 academic year (<http://gpls.cns.umass.edu/oeb/darwin-fellows>).

Postdoctoral Research Associates at the University of Massachusetts are unionized and receive standard salary and benefits, depending on experience. Salary is subject to bargaining unit contract, with a salary minimum of \$47,476.

Candidates should send an application including a cover letter, CV, 1 page summary of research interests, and the contact details of three references willing to provide letters of recommendation to Dr. Jason Kamilar (jkamilar@umass.edu). Please combine the documents into a single PDF. Application deadline is February 16, 2018.

UMass Amherst, the flagship campus of the University of Massachusetts system, is a public research university and home to over 23,000 undergraduate and 6,000 graduate students. UMass Amherst is the largest public university in New England, is tied for 27th best public university in the nation, and has research expenditures exceeding \$200 million (categorized as a Research University with Highest research activity by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching). The 1,430 acre campus is located in the scenic Pioneer Valley of western Massachusetts, 90 miles from Boston and 175 miles from New York City. The region boasts a rural setting with easy access to Boston, Hartford, and New York City. Amherst is nestled between the Berkshire Mountains, Holyoke Range and Pelham Hills providing many recreational opportunities. UMass Amherst, along with Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke and Smith colleges, is a member of the Five College Consortium and the Academic Career network. In 2012, U.S. News and World Report ranked Amherst among the Top 10 Great College Towns in America.

The University is committed to active recruitment of a diverse faculty and student body. The University of Massachusetts Amherst is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer of women, minorities, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities and encourages applications from these and other protected group members. Because broad diversity is essential to an inclusive climate and critical to the University's goals of achieving excellence in all areas, we will holistically assess the many qualifications of each applicant and favorably consider an individual's record working with students and colleagues with broadly diverse perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds in educational, research or other work activities. We will also favorably consider experience overcoming or helping others overcome barriers to an academic degree and career.