

Assistant Professor - Planetary Health

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Job Category: Faculty - Tenure Stream (continuing)

Faculty/Division: Faculty of Arts & Science

Department: School of the Environment

Campus: St. George (Downtown Toronto)

Description:

The School of the Environment in the Faculty of Arts and Science at the University of Toronto invites applications for a full-time tenure stream position in the area of Planetary Health. The appointment will be at the rank of Assistant Professor, and will commence on July 1, 2023, or shortly thereafter.

Applicants must have earned a PhD degree in environmental health or a relevant field in the social, physical or health sciences by the time of appointment, or shortly thereafter, with a demonstrated strong record of excellence in interdisciplinary research, and in teaching. We seek candidates whose research and teaching interests complement and strengthen our existing [departmental](#) strengths. The successful candidate will be expected to pursue innovative research at the highest international level; to establish an outstanding, externally-funded, independent research program; and to contribute to the enrichment of both undergraduate and graduate programs at the School.

We seek candidates conducting interdisciplinary research at the intersection between human health and current global environmental challenges. The candidate's research may include topics such as (but not limited to): climate change and implications for human health, such as how warming temperatures and shifting precipitation/hydrological regimes affect patterns of existing and emergent diseases; the impact of extreme weather events on health; the eco-social determinants of health; the effects of large-scale habitat destruction, biodiversity loss, and environmental pollution on human health outcomes; and adaptation and mitigation for both ecosystem and population health. We prefer candidates who have demonstrated the ability to build inter- and trans-disciplinary collaborations that navigate the interconnections between environment and health at the global scale, and who give particular consideration to populations disproportionately impacted by current environmental crises, including low- and middle-income countries, and Indigenous, racialized, and low-income communities.

Candidates must provide evidence of research excellence which can be demonstrated by a record of publications in top-ranked and field relevant journals or forthcoming publications meeting high international standards, the submitted research statement, presentations at significant conferences, awards and accolades, and strong endorsements from referees of high standing.

Evidence of excellence in teaching will be provided through teaching accomplishments, the teaching dossier including a teaching statement, sample course materials, and teaching evaluations

submitted as part of the application, as well as strong letters of reference. Professional or lived experiences that enhance the ability to teach a diverse student body are highly valued.

Equity and diversity are essential to academic excellence. We seek candidates who value diversity and whose research, teaching, and service bear out our commitment to equity. Candidates must therefore submit a brief (up to one page) statement of contributions to equity and diversity, which might cover topics such as (but not limited to): research or teaching that incorporates a focus on underrepresented communities, the development of inclusive pedagogies, or the mentoring of students from underrepresented groups.

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The [School of the Environment](#) is an interdisciplinary hub within the Faculty of Arts & Science, running undergraduate and graduate programs in environment and sustainability. This position is part of a new research cluster at the School on Planetary Health, that connects with ongoing research at U of T in public health, social geography, toxicology, food, medicine, and characterizations of the natural and built environment, to provide a comprehensive view on complex issues ranging from environmental contaminants to the health impacts of global climate change. The appointment will be held at the University of Toronto campus in downtown Toronto (St. George campus). Toronto is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city, one of the most desirable in the world in which to work and live.

All qualified candidates are invited to apply online by clicking the link below. Applicants must submit a cover letter, a current curriculum vitae including a list of publications, a research statement, a statement of contributions to equity and diversity (see details above), and a teaching dossier to include a teaching statement, sample course materials, and teaching evaluations.

Applicants must provide the name and contact information of three references. The University of Toronto's recruiting tool will automatically solicit and collect letters of reference from each once an application is submitted (this happens overnight). Applicants, however, remain responsible for ensuring that references submit letters (on letterhead, dated and signed) by the closing date.

Submission guidelines can be found at <http://uoft.me/how-to-apply>. Your CV and cover letter should be uploaded into the dedicated fields. Please combine additional application materials into one or two files in PDF/MS Word format. If you have any questions about this position, please contact Professor Christian Abizaid, Acting Director of the School of the Environment, at: director.environment@utoronto.ca.

All application materials, including reference letters, must be received by **December 5, 2022**.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

Diversity Statement

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

As part of your application, you will be asked to complete a brief Diversity Survey. This survey is voluntary. Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be

accessed by search committees or human resources staff. Results will be aggregated for institutional planning purposes. For more information, please see <http://uoft.me/UP>.

Accessibility Statement

The University strives to be an equitable and inclusive community, and proactively seeks to increase diversity among its community members. Our values regarding equity and diversity are linked with our unwavering commitment to excellence in the pursuit of our academic mission.

The University is committed to the principles of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). As such, we strive to make our recruitment, assessment and selection processes as accessible as possible and provide accommodations as required for applicants with disabilities.

If you require any accommodations at any point during the application and hiring process, please contact uoft.careers@utoronto.ca.

For additional information and to apply: <https://jobs.utoronto.ca/job/Toronto-Assistant-Professor-Planetary-Health-ON/563932717/>