

Science Writing Lecturer in Life Sciences

The Division of Biological Sciences at the University of Georgia ([UGA](#)) invites applications for a Science Writing Lecturer position (non-tenure track) specializing in writing/communication in the Life Sciences. We seek a scholar who will 1) create and teach new, upper-level, writing-intensive courses that expand on scientific writing skills introduced in introductory life science courses, and 2) coordinate with instructors who teach writing-intensive courses in the Biology B.S. program. Together these collaborative efforts will create a vertical alignment for writing across the Biology B.S. degree curriculum. Potential areas of emphasis for course topics include writing for different audiences (the general public, for academics, etc.) or purposes (literature reviews, research summaries, project proposals, news articles, etc.) and how to provide feedback on others' writing.

The ideal candidate will bring demonstrated leadership in innovative science writing instruction, curriculum development and enhancement, and project coordination across disciplines. The Division of Biological Sciences is dedicated to supporting and enhancing diversity and inclusiveness, and strongly encourages applications from candidates who will enrich that mission. The candidate must demonstrate:

- Expertise in science writing
- Expertise in training/teaching writing-in-scientific disciplines
- Commitment to undergraduate instruction
- Commitment to enhancing diversity and inclusivity

This position is a 9-month, full-time, instructional appointment with an Academic home in the Division of Biological Sciences. Inherent to this position is active collaboration and coordination across multiple science degree programs (to support science courses already engaged in discipline-specific writing as well as science programs interested in creating new opportunities), with UGA's Writing Intensive Program, and with UGA working groups for Writing and Communication. Examples of support for science courses already engaged in discipline-specific writing might include:

- a. targeted writing workshops or recitation sections (e.g. citation practices, peer review, technical writing) that become part of the course curricula
- b. online modules for writing that could become standard science course practice (e.g. moving through the elements of writing science research articles)

Opportunities for professional development are available.

To apply, candidates must have a PhD in the life sciences, science education, rhetoric and composition, English, or a related discipline. Demonstrated background in science writing is required. Review of applications will begin March 20, 2019 and to receive full consideration applications should be received by April 6, 2019.

To apply for the position, candidates should submit the following materials to:

<http://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/72134>

- 1) Cover letter indicating suitability for the position
- 2) Curriculum vitae
- 3) 1- to 2-page teaching statement that includes vision for enhancing scientific writing literacy
- 4) 1-page diversity statement, explaining experience, professional skills, and vision that would enhance diversity and inclusivity
- 5) Contact information for three professional referees who are prepared to submit letters of recommendation

Questions regarding the position can be directed to search committee chair, Dr. Kristen Miller, biochair@uga.edu.

The University of Georgia is located in Athens, Georgia. Georgia is well known for its quality of life with both [outdoor and urban activities](#). UGA a land grant/sea grant institution located approximately 60 miles northeast of Atlanta. It is within an hour driving distance from the North Georgia Mountains and four hours from the Atlantic coast. Athens enjoys a mild climate and yet still sees the benefits of the changing seasons. It is well known for its vibrant and evolving music scene, serving as the hometown of bands such as R.E.M., the B-52's, Widespread Panic, the Drive-By Truckers, of Montreal, and Futurebirds.

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