

### **Assistant Professor of Field and Organismal Biology**

LSU Shreveport invites applications for the position of Assistant Professor of Field and Organismal Biology, beginning August 2026. We seek a colleague whose research integrates fieldwork and teaching, and those with collections-based programs are especially encouraged to apply. The applicant must be committed to excellence in teaching, scholarly engagement, and student success in a diverse and inclusive environment. This tenure-track, 9-month position will join our faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences.

**Responsibilities:**

* Teach undergraduate courses including introductory biology and field/organismal biology, as well as develop upper-level electives that complement departmental strengths.
* Develop and maintain an active, externally funded field-based research program that involves undergraduate and graduate students.
* Supervise and mentor students in their academic and professional development.
* Contribute to departmental, college, and university service, including advising and mentoring.
* Engage in community outreach and support the role of collections in research and education.

**Required Qualifications:**

* Ph.D. in Biology or a closely related field by time of appointment.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

* Postdoctoral experience.
* Demonstrated record of research productivity.
* Prior experience with natural history collections curation (museum or herbarium).

**Salary and Benefits:**

* Competitive salary commensurate with experience.
* Comprehensive benefits package, including health insurance, retirement plan options, and professional development support.

**Application Process:**

Review of complete applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

To apply, submit a cover letter, CV, statements of teaching philosophy and research interests, and contact information for three (3) professional references to the Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences:

Chris Gissendanner, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, LSUS,

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For questions about the position, contact the Search Committee Chair:

Stuart Nielsen, PhD stuart.nielsen@lsus.edu

For accessibility accommodations during any part of the hiring process, contact disabilityservices@lsus.edu / 318-797-5116.

LSUS is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer.

**About LSU Shreveport and the Department of Biological Sciences:**

LSUS is a teaching-focused, regional public university with a mission that balances excellence in teaching, active scholarship, and community engagement. Named by the U.S. Department of Education as one of the most affordable colleges in Louisiana, LSU Shreveport offers high quality classroom instruction with very affordable tuition rates. In addition, LSUS offers many forms of financial aid, including scholarships, on-campus employment, and graduate assistantships. With recent expansion in the university’s infrastructure and investment in educational technology, these improvements continue to enhance the student experience at LSU Shreveport, and the University has proven itself to be an institution of opportunity and quality.

The Department of Biological Sciences is collegial and inclusive, with active collaboration among faculty spanning departments. The department offers exceptional opportunities for field and organismal-based research and teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate (MSc) level. The Museum of Life Sciences houses substantial vertebrate and invertebrate collections; the MacRoberts Herbarium contains an important plant collection for the region; and the LSUS Entomology Collection provides additional opportunities for research and training. Faculty also have access to the Science Research Annex, which offers modern laboratory facilities and animal care space to support integrative organismal biology. Shared lab space and equipment are housed in the Science Center, which includes a Cell Culture Room and Microscopy Suite (with Nikon light and fluorescence microscopes and cameras), a Geographic Information Systems Lab, and the neighboring Technology Building which is home to the Biotechnology Collaborative Laboratory (equipped with PCR, imaging, flow cytometry, sequencing, and other modern tools). Faculty also benefit from connections to a thriving local network of research and outreach institutions including the LSU AgCenter, the LSU Health Sciences Center–Shreveport (LSUHSC-S), the Red River Watershed Management Institute, the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON), and the Ouachita Mountains Biological Station (OMBS).

**About Shreveport:**

The Shreveport-Bossier City area offers an attractive quality of life, combining the conveniences of a big city with the warmth and hospitality of a smaller town. With a metropolitan population of more than 380,000, the Shreveport-Bossier City area offers a low cost of living, affordable housing, and many diverse dining and entertainment options. Exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities abound. Frequently called "A Sportsman's Paradise," the area's mild climate, various lakes and rivers, and beautiful parks create the perfect setting for jogging, bicycling, water sports, hunting and fishing. For other recreational activities, Shreveport-Bossier is home to riverboat casinos and horse racing at Louisiana Downs. Additional entertainment venues include the Brookshire Grocery Arena which hosts numerous musical events, comedians, rodeos, children’s events and ice-skating productions, among others. Shreveport also hosts dozens of festivals such as Mardi Gras, Louisiana Prize Fest, the Red River Revel, and Taco Wars, with regional food and music, and offers regular theatrical productions, ballet performances, as well as performances by the Shreveport Symphony and the Shreveport Opera. Shreveport is also home to the American Rose Garden and the R.W. Norton Art Gallery.