



Assistant Professor of Biology/Zoology

Kentucky Wesleyan College, a private, liberal arts college with a long-standing reputation for quality and academic excellence, is seeking applications for a full-time Assistant Professor in Biology/Zoology for the 2021 – 2022 academic year.

The successful candidate will teach a variety of introductory and upper level courses. Candidates should have the ability to teach a variety of courses in general biology and zoology, including but not limited to Vertebrate Zoology and other upper level courses appropriate to the major, supervising faculty-student research, and working with other faculty to develop the zoology degree to its full potential. Applicants must have a commitment to undergraduate teaching. This is a nine-month, tenure track position with a start date of August 15, 2021.

Major Responsibilities

- Helping develop the zoology major to its full potential.
- Teaching a variety of courses to Biology and Zoology majors including but not limited to General Biology, Vertebrate Zoology, and other courses (e.g. Herpetology, and/or Ornithology) appropriate to the major at the upper level based on the applicants' expertise.
- A willingness to teach and support introductory level courses for non-majors.
- Encouraging and overseeing relevant faculty-student research.
- Advising students.
- Contributing professional expertise to the college and larger external community.

Qualifications

- MS with graduate coursework in Biology or Zoology or a related discipline (ABD's or PhD's preferred)
- A strong commitment to teaching, mentoring, and working with undergraduate students and a passion for providing an exceptional classroom experience for students.
- A commitment to involving undergraduates in research.
- Enthusiastic and dynamic personality.
- Effective communication skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively.
- Some collegiate teaching experience.

Employee Benefits

This full-time position has access to a full range of employee benefits, including health, dental, vision, and life insurance; retirement plans; and tuition benefits. Due to the college's not-for-profit status, employees of Kentucky Wesleyan may be able to receive loan forgiveness under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program of the US Department of Education.

Application Process

To apply, complete the online application at <https://kwc.edu/application-for-employment>. As part of the online application, please include a letter of application, statement of teaching philosophy, plan for undergraduate research, and references where indicated and attach a curriculum vitae and unofficial transcript of highest degree. Kentucky Wesleyan College is an equal opportunity employer.

Review of application materials will begin on October 1, 2020 and will continue until the position is filled.

An official transcript for the highest degree awarded will be required of the hired candidate, as will a background check. The College will not sponsor applicants for work visas.

Additional Information

About Kentucky Wesleyan College

Kentucky Wesleyan College is a private, four-year liberal arts institution located in the vibrant city of Owensboro. A United Methodist-related college founded in 1858, Wesleyan is known for excellence in academics and a superior residential experience. Kentucky Wesleyan earned a #8 ranking in 2017 from U.S. News & World Report as a Best Regional College in the South, along with a #3 ranking in the South in the category of "Great Schools, Great Prices," which measures academic quality compared to cost of attendance.

Kentucky Wesleyan students can choose from 29 majors and 13 pre-professional programs. Classes have a 12-to-1 student-faculty ratio, and 88 percent of the faculty have a Ph.D. or terminal degree. The College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate degrees.

The College employs approximately 200 faculty and staff who work together on a single campus. Kentucky Wesleyan provides a challenging and supportive academic experience for students as well as a positive and stimulating work environment for employees. A hallmark of the Kentucky Wesleyan experience includes "The Wesleyan Way," beliefs which guide the entire college community:

- We do everything with honor.
- We always support each other.
- We will compete with integrity.
- We love each other in Christ.

The Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers compete in NCAA Division II and are members of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference. Athletic teams include baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling.

About Owensboro, KY

Kentucky Wesleyan College is located in the hospitable city of Owensboro, Kentucky, a vibrant, beautiful, and safe city nestled on the banks of the Ohio River. Owensboro is small enough to promote a hometown atmosphere yet large enough to support many amenities usually only available in much larger cities. Daviess County is home to 110,000 residents and is easily accessible from metropolitan locations such as Louisville, KY; Nashville, TN; and St. Louis, MO.

Owensboro's revitalized downtown area features a state-of-the-art convention center, several new hotels, and a range of entertainment options with unique restaurants and shops. Twenty-five parks, totaling 953 acres, encircle the city, which hosts over 20 annual festivals – attracting visitors from throughout the region.

Suggested Websites

Additional information about Kentucky Wesleyan College, the Panthers, and the Owensboro community may be found at:

- <https://www.kwc.edu/>
- <http://www.owensboro.org/>
- <https://edc.owensboro.com/>