

The faculty of the School of the Earth, Ocean, and Environment (SEOE) at the University of South Carolina, Columbia campus, invites applications for a 9-month, full-time, tenure-track position at the rank of assistant professor to begin August 16, 2026.

We seek an outstanding individual to establish a nationally recognized, externally funded research program in fisheries and related areas of biological oceanography. The successful candidate will expand our focus and visibility as an international leader in the study of estuarine and marine processes. This position will complement existing strengths in theoretical and applied marine biology research across the SEOE, the Baruch Marine Field Lab, and the Department of Biological Sciences. We are especially interested in applicants with research interests in fisheries-related areas, which may include (but are not limited to) fisheries ecology; coastal environmental health; population and ecosystem dynamics and modeling; and fisheries management and conservation. Methods employed might include or combine theoretical, observational, experimental, or “big data” approaches. Candidates will be expected to establish an independent, extramurally funded research program in fisheries oceanography. The teaching load will be one course per regular semester (1:1), which may include an undergraduate course for non-science majors, an undergraduate course for SEOE majors, and a graduate-level course in the candidate’s area of research expertise. The successful candidate is expected to contribute to faculty committee service within the SEOE unit. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in fisheries oceanography or a closely related field, at least one year of post-doctoral experience by the start of the appointment, and a commitment to excellence in teaching.

The SEOE is a multidisciplinary unit within the McCausland College of Arts and Sciences, offering degrees in marine science, geological science, environmental science, and environmental studies. The unit comprises approximately 600 undergraduate students, over 60 graduate students, and 35 faculty members representing research areas that span the physical to social sciences, including marine, environmental, and geological sciences. The SEOE houses excellent [analytical facilities](#), including Stable Isotope Laboratories, Radioisotope & Marine Sediments Laboratory, and the Center for Elemental Mass Spectrometry. The successful candidate will be encouraged to utilize research infrastructure available at the [Baruch Marine Field Laboratory](#), which provides unparalleled access to near-pristine ecosystems at the edge of the North Inlet Estuary and adjacent Winyah Bay. For more information, please visit the [SEOE website](#).

The University of South Carolina is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution. Women, minorities, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. The University of South Carolina does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities or decisions for qualified persons on the basis of age, ancestry, citizenship status, color, disability, ethnicity, familial status, gender (including transgender), gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, pregnancy (false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, childbirth, recovery therefrom or related medical conditions, breastfeeding), race, religion (including religious dress and grooming practices), sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any other bases under federal, state, local law, or regulations.

How to Apply

Applicants must apply online via the [USCJobs](#) website. Applications must include (1) a cover letter, (2) curriculum vita, (3) a research statement, (4) a teaching statement, and (5) contact information for at least three references. Review of applications will commence on October 1, 2025 and will continue until the position is filled. Inquiries about this position may be directed to search chair Associate Professor David Fuente (email: fuentes@seoe.sc.edu).