ARKANSAS, CONWAY 72035. The Department of Geography at the University of Central Arkansas invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Physical Geography, beginning August 2016. It is expected that the person hired will have completed a doctoral program by the time of appointment. Successful candidates will be broadly-trained physical geographers with the ability to teach upper division physical geography courses such as Biogeography and Climatology or Meteorology and lower division courses such as Earth Science lectures and labs. Additionally, the ability to teach Conservation, Landforms, or Soils may be considered. GIS or other spatial technology skills would be a plus, but are not required.

The Department of Geography is in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and offers three majors: Geography, Geospatial, and Environmental Science: Planning & Administration; two minors: Geography and GIS; and two on-line Master’s degrees: GIS and Community and Economic Development. We are interested in an enthusiastic individual who connects with students in and outside the classroom, is engaged in scholarly research leading to publications, and has the ability to work with faculty from other disciplines and promote the geography programs across campus and in the community. Actively participating in department, college and university service and undergraduate advising is also expected. Salary is competitive.

UCA has an enrollment of approximately 11,700 students that consistently score above the national average on the ACT. It offers 89 undergraduate and 57 graduate degrees, including doctoral programs in five disciplines. UCA is located in Conway, Arkansas, a thriving city of approximately 60,000 in Central Arkansas, thirty minutes from Little Rock. Conway is home to several major industries, two private colleges, an excellent public school system, and strong private K12 schools. Residents have easy access to the Ouachita and Ozark National forests and pristine wildlife areas near the Buffalo National River. With six distinct ecoregions and exceptional biodiversity, there are numerous research opportunities in Arkansas for a physical geographer.

Applicants should submit a cover letter describing teaching experience and suitability for the position, a statement of teaching philosophy and interests, student course evaluations, a statement of research interests, a detailed CV, and contact information for three references. Letters of reference and transcripts will be solicited for short-listed candidates. UCA is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. Review of applications will begin on November 1 of 2015 and continue until filled. All application materials must be submitted to: jobs.uca.edu

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