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## **Ecosystem Ecologist**

The Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB) at the University of Tennessee will be hiring a tenure track faculty member at the Assistant Professor level in the field of Ecosystem Ecology. **We seek applicants whose research emphasizes the linkages between ecosystem ecology, microbial ecology and global change, and who would complement existing strengths in biodiversity, global change, and evolutionary ecology in EEB.** For example, possible areas of emphasis could include microbial community/microbiome interactions that mediate large-scale nutrient pools and fluxes, modern genetic and genomic techniques to address above- and belowground interactions or factors influencing ecosystem function. The successful candidate will build an interdisciplinary research program focused on important questions affecting terrestrial ecosystems in a changing world.

We welcome applicants who can use the wealth of nearby field resources (Great Smoky Mountains National Park, national forests, and natural areas), our research and teaching field station in Gatlinburg TN, new greenhouse and sequencing facilities, biodiversity collections, and who could collaborate with scientists at the National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis (NIMBioS) and nearby Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

We are committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse faculty and invite candidates who will strengthen the diversity of our department. We are also committed to excellence in teaching, particularly using inquiry-based pedagogies or experiential learning. Expectations for a successful candidate include an exceptional record of scientific accomplishment, with the ability to develop a productive, externally-funded research program, excellent communication skills, and evidence of effective teaching strategies.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, two-page statement of research accomplishment and plans, two-page description of teaching experiences and interests, and the names and contact information of at least three individuals who could write letters of reference to [ecosystemecol@utk.edu](mailto:ecosystemecol@utk.edu). **Application review will begin Oct. 10, 2016, with a position start date of August 2017.**

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