

**RANGELAND AND WILDLIFE SCIENCES
CAESAR KLEBERG WILDLIFE RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

Assistant/Associate Professor in Carnivore Ecology

Closing: 15 February 2022 or until a qualified candidate is identified. Preferred start date is 20 August 2022.

Position: Tenure-track faculty position at the assistant or associate professor level, depending on qualifications, with the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, Department of Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences, Dick and Mary Lewis Kleberg College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Texas A&M University-Kingsville. This is a 75% research and 25% teaching, tenure-track, 9-month appointment with potential for summer salary. We seek a dynamic scholar to build a research program focused on carnivore ecology and management, teach courses on wildlife conservation, train graduate students, and extend results to stakeholders, society, and the scientific community. A portion of the successful applicant's research program will support ocelot conservation on East Foundation properties (<https://eastfoundation.net/>). Initial salary shall be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Responsibilities:

- 1) Lead ocelot recovery efforts, involving many organizations and approaches, on private lands with demonstrated and proven mastery of the science, politics and policies, and private landowner dynamics, incentives, and initiatives for small population recovery.
- 2) Develop an extramurally-funded research program focusing on carnivore ecology and management, with emphasis on ecology and conservation of ocelots on East Foundation properties, commensurate with a 75% research appointment.
- 3) Teach one graduate-level course and one undergraduate-level course per year to meet the needs of the Department and direct graduate students in research.

Qualifications: Ph.D. in wildlife science, ecology, or related field from an accredited university.

- 1) Evidence of a nationally-recognized program in predator ecology or wildlife ecology, demonstrated by record of research productivity.
- 2) Ability to teach courses in range and wildlife science (i.e., must have a minimum of 18 graduate-level hours in range and wildlife science).
- 3) Demonstrated potential to attract extramural funding.
- 4) Demonstrated ability to communicate with students, professionals, lay audiences, and other scientists.

Preference will be given to applicants with:

- 1) Experience in the recovery of small populations, endangered species conservation, population viability analyses, and population parameter estimation.
- 2) Strong quantitative skills.
- 3) Demonstrated ability to work effectively with private landowners, faculty, students, governmental agencies, and NGOs.

Location: Texas A&M University-Kingsville (TAMUK) is located in Kingsville, a city of approximately 25,000 in southern coastal Texas. Kingsville is surrounded by the historic King Ranch and is about 40 miles south of Corpus Christi (population: 300,000) and within 50 miles of Baffin Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. TAMUK serves about 9,000 students. The Department of Rangeland and Wildlife Sciences offers B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in range and wildlife sciences.

Application: Application packets should include a cover letter, vita (stating education, experience, qualifications, and references), copies of transcripts from all colleges attended, a 1-page research philosophy statement, and a 1-page teaching philosophy statement. The research and teaching philosophy statements should include how the applicant's commitment to diversity and inclusion influence their philosophies and approaches to their work. Address referrals, and questions regarding the position to Dr. Michael Cherry. Submit applications here: [Apply](#)

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Prior to issuing a letter of appointment, official transcripts must be received directly from each degree granting institution by the Office of the Provost, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, MSC 102, Kingsville, Texas 78363-8202. However, for review of application, applicants may submit unofficial transcripts from each institution of higher education attended as instructed above.

Women and minority applicants are encouraged to apply. TAMUK is

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