

**Director of Community Environmental Services
Senior Research Associate in the Center for Urban Studies
Toulon School of Urban Studies and Planning
College of Urban and Public Affairs
Portland State University**

The Center for Urban Studies of the Toulon School of Urban Studies and Planning invites applicants for a non-tenure-track faculty position to serve as Director of Community Environmental Services (CES). CES is a self-support unit within the Center for Urban Studies that has, for twenty-five years, provided high quality applied research, technical assistance, and educational outreach services in the areas of solid waste minimization, recycling, and community sustainability program evaluation.

The CES research and service portfolio includes: waste diversion and sustainability practices at Portland Int'l Airport (PDX); evaluation of surplus public sector properties; recycling behavior in multifamily residences; outreach to diverse business owners on environmental compliance; food waste diversion practices; and technical assistance on difficult-to-recycle materials among local grocers. CES also provides PSU students the opportunity to develop leadership capacities and practical job skills as they engage with community sustainability projects.

The Director of CES will lead the development of a CES strategic vision and plan, direct the portfolio of CES projects, maintain and develop community partnerships, generate external funding from public sector contracts, competitive awards, and foundation grants, and implement an active applied research agenda that addresses in an integrated way urban resource recovery and social equity issues. The Director will connect with Toulon School and other PSU faculty to integrate CES projects into faculty scholarly and curricular endeavors. The Director will serve as Principal Investigator for CES research/sponsored projects and direct the overall research program of CES. The Director will also teach undergraduate and graduate level courses through the Toulon School, as appropriate.

Successful candidates will have a high level of skill, interest, and experience in applied scholarship, the maintenance of relationships with partners, and the dissemination of research to diverse academic, practitioner, policy-maker, and community audiences. Candidates should have an interest in supporting and participating in applied and practitioner-oriented research as well as traditional academic scholarship. We strongly encourage candidates to describe their experience and success with grant-writing and external research funding awards, successful response to RFPs from government agencies, and/or success with foundation award proposals.

This position holds the rank of Senior Research Associate I or II, as commensurate with experience. It is expected that the Director of CES will manage the center's activity effectively to generate sufficient external funds to support its operations and salaries. During the initial two years of the new director's work, there will be substantial salary support from the College for onboarding and strategic planning.

Applicants should have a Ph.D. in environmental science, sustainability, urban and regional planning or other appropriate disciplines at the time of application or be able to provide assurance of completion of a Ph.D. prior to appointment; **OR** a Master's degree with four or more years of progressively responsible experience in research and/or policy evaluation that demonstrates the ability to design and implement studies.

Appropriate areas of the applicant's expertise in sustainability include: waste stream and materials management and materials or energy recovery; community-based approaches to sustainability and Environmental Justice issues; individual and institutional behavior change. Research approaches could include: economic or cost-benefit analysis; feasibility studies; life cycle analyses; policy analysis; behavioral research (individual or institutional); community-based research.

Teaching responsibilities may include conventional, online and hybrid undergraduate and graduate courses in the areas of resource sustainability, community sustainability practices, environmental planning and others as appropriate.

Community Environmental Services is part of the Center for Urban Studies (CUS), which promotes and facilitates research and community service for faculty and students on urban and metropolitan issues. The Center for Urban Studies is the research unit of the Toulon School of Urban Studies and Planning, is one of three academic units in the College of Urban and Public Affairs at Portland State University. Portland State University is a nationally acclaimed leader in sustainability and community-based learning. The campus is located along the tree-lined South Park Blocks of downtown Portland. The University enjoys close working relationships with state, regional, and local governments, private consultants, and progressive and innovative community-based groups. The Portland region, the state of Oregon, and the Pacific Northwest have received international recognition for their advances in planning and community livability.

Portland State University supports equal opportunity in admissions, education, employment, housing, and use of facilities by prohibiting discrimination in those areas based on age, color, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion or creed, sex or gender, gender identity or gender expression, sexual orientation, veteran status, or any other basis in law. In keeping with the President's diversity initiative, we encourage applications from a diverse range of candidates especially those who are excellent at working cross-culturally or with diverse groups (students and publics). We recognize that diversity maximizes our potential for creativity, innovation, educational excellence and outstanding service to the community.

Questions about this position (but not application materials) can be directed to search committee chair Dr. Connie Ozawa at ozawac@pdx.edu. The full position description and online application system are accessed at <https://jobs.hrc.pdx.edu/postings/16494>. Review will begin immediately and applications are accepted until finalists are identified.