



ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
School of Environmental Sciences

The Rebanks Family Chair in Pollinator Conservation

The School of Environmental Sciences (SES) at the University of Guelph seeks applications from leaders in the field of pollinator conservation for a newly created endowed chair. The successful candidate will be a recognized champion in the welfare and conservation of pollinators and will be expected to create a globally recognized program in pollinator conservation.

The Chair will be expected to lead the development of Canada's first national roundtable on the risks to native and managed pollinators and their conservation, thereby becoming a key voice in the evolution of public policy that influences the conservation of pollinators at municipal, provincial, national and international levels; create new knowledge and build partnerships that will contribute to the development of effective and practical approaches to ameliorating human impacts on pollinators; establish and lead a multi-disciplinary research program on conservation of pollinators in agricultural and rural-urban ecosystems; create an expert advisory group to guide outreach and research program strategies, raising public awareness of our dependence on pollinators as a fundamental component of food production and ecosystem health; develop and implement a comprehensive communications and outreach strategy; and, contribute to undergraduate and graduate teaching in SES. The Chair will play an important leadership role in the SES and the University of Guelph.

The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. in conservation biology, ecology, entomology, or related fields and will be a leader in pollinator conservation with demonstrated experience and a proven desire to engage with the public, government, NGOs and industrial stakeholders. He or she will have a strong and sustained record of excellence in research and academic publications on topics that may include the ecosystem services provided by native and managed pollinators, and the extinction risks to and conservation strategies for important pollinator species. The successful candidate will be expected to complement, but not duplicate, existing strengths in honey bee research at the University of Guelph. He or she will also have a strong record of teaching including the training of graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, supporting their career advancement in academia, government, industry and conservation organizations. The successful candidate will be eligible for a tenured appointment at the Associate or full Professor level.

SES is one of six academic units of the renowned Ontario Agricultural College (OAC). As a founding college of the University of Guelph, OAC has a long history of expertise in teaching, research and outreach in agricultural and environmental sciences including globally recognized programs in beneficial insect culture and management, and sustainable agricultural production systems. SES faculty members conduct research on applied problems that deal with the human impact on our physical and living environment. The school has about 40 faculty, 150 graduate students and 50 post-doctoral fellows and staff. More information can be found at www.uoguelph.ca/ses.

The deadline for applications is September 1, 2012 though the competition will remain open until suitable applicants can be identified. The nominal starting date is January 1, 2013. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with qualifications. Please send curriculum vitae, vision statement for the position and contact information for three references to:

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