

Postdoctoral Research Associate Position: Predator-Prey interactions in the Plankton

The Menden-Deuer lab at the University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography invites applications for a Postdoctoral Research Associate. The grant-funded research will examine the driving factors that regulate protistan herbivory upon phytoplankton both in the laboratory and the field and is conducted within a large, collaborative project (NAAMES - url below). Please consult past publications for an overview of the types of research projects and goals pursued in our lab.

Responsibilities and Duties: The postdoctoral associate will be primarily responsible for generation and analysis of predation rates and behavioral data as a function of potential abiotic and biotic driving factors, with a particular focus on the North Atlantic ecosystem. While the overall research area and some duties are determined, there will be opportunity for independent development of research ideas. Duties beyond research execution include timely dissemination of results in peer-reviewed publications and presentations, regular contributions to the functioning of the lab, and assistance with graduate and undergraduate student mentoring. The successful applicant will have opportunities for career development, incl. networking, outreach and grant proposal preparation.

Qualifications: Before starting the position, applicants are required to have a completed Ph.D. in Oceanography, Life Science, or related field. Start date is negotiable but expected to commence no later than February 2016. Excellent command of the English language (written and verbal), experimental design and quantitative analytical skills are essential. Applicants are expected to be independently motivated and enthusiastic about research. Candidates should possess demonstrable experience with either, but ideally both, theoretical or experimental research approaches. Applicants should have a record of publication in peer-reviewed journals.

Appointment: The position is for 12 months initially (with a 4 month evaluation period), and renewable for an additional 12 months or more contingent on the continued availability of funds and satisfactory performance. There will be opportunities for development of additional research projects and proposals.

To Apply: Applications must include (1) a statement of experience, career goals, research vision and interests; (2) curriculum vitae, (3) reprints of relevant publications and (4) names, emails, and addresses of three referees willing to write confidential letters of recommendation. All materials should be emailed as pdf documents to: smenden@uri.edu with '*Predator PostDoc Application*' in the subject line. Candidates will be selected based on overall excellence, including academic qualifications, letters of recommendation, and prior skills, experience, and research goals. The position is compensated through a competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Consideration of applications will begin October 1st 2015.

Further information:

Menden-Deuer lab: <http://mendendeuerlab.com/>

URI Graduate School of Oceanography: <http://www.gso.uri.edu/>

NAAMES project: <http://naames.larc.nasa.gov/>