The Nicholson School of Communication (NSC) at the University of Central Florida (UCF) is seeking a tenure-earning assistant professor of Communication with an emphasis in Environmental/Science Mass Communication, to enhance NSC’s forthcoming Ph.D. in Strategic Communication. August 8, 2018, is the anticipated start date.

The successful candidate for the position shall possess an earned doctorate in Communication or other related, relevant field from an accredited institution by the start of employment and have a record of commitment to enhancing diversity and inclusion; have an active program of social scientific scholarship appropriate for a research university; demonstrate motivation and strategies for pursuing external research funding; possess the capacity to teach at the doctoral and master’s level, including courses in mass communication. In addition to teaching at the graduate level, the successful candidate will be expected to teach in and provide service to one or more of NSC’s undergraduate programs in Advertising/Public Relations, Journalism and/or Radio-Television.

Preference is for candidates who have professional experience in their respective field of mass communication (e.g., Advertising, Journalism, Public Relations, Radio, Television, etc.). Preference is also for candidates who have proven experience and/or strong interest in building collaborative research teams focused on environmental and/or science mass communication, sustainability, risk and/or crisis communication and/or the intersection of groups, organizations, and the environment. Examples include (but not limited to) the role science journalists play in communicating information about climate change; social media/marketing for health or environmental issues; and/or the role entertainment content plays in developing attitudes about conservation, etc.

NSC is especially interested in hiring faculty members who can contribute to its climate of diversity and inclusion. NSC is a very student-focused school, with a very collegial and friendly faculty and staff. NSC strives to be a premier academic program known for excellence in research scholarship and education. Students are active in internships and organizations on and off campus. The curriculum emphasizes both applied and theoretical aspects of the field and encourages diversity in all aspects of communication. NSC offers six baccalaureates and a master’s degree and is developing a doctoral program that is anticipated to begin in 2019. For more information about the school and its programs visit, http://communication.cos.ucf.edu.

UCF, one of the nation’s largest universities with more than 66,000 students, has grown in size, quality, diversity, and reputation in its first 50 years. The university is classified as a “Doctoral University: Highest Research Activity” and a “Community Engagement” institution by the Carnegie Foundation. Today the university offers more than 200 degree programs, more than 100 of them are at the graduate level. UCF is an economic engine attracting and supporting industries vital to the region’s future while providing students with real-world experiences that help them succeed after graduation. For more information, visit http://www.ucf.edu.

As an equal opportunity-affirmative action employer, UCF encourages all qualified applicants to apply, including women, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and members of traditionally underrepresented populations. As a Florida public university, UCF makes all application materials and selection procedures available to the public upon request.
Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Candidates must apply online at http://www.jobswithucf.com and attach the following materials:
(1) Curriculum vita (CV)
(2) Signed cover letter
(3) Maximum two-page statement outlining research vision and teaching interests
(4) List of three academic or professional references including address, phone number, and email address

NOTE: Please have all documents ready when applying so they can be attached at that time. Once the online submission process is finalized, the system does not allow applicants to submit additional documents at a later date.

For more information about this position, please contact, Ms. Debbie Doyle at (407) 823-5570 or debbie.doyle@ucf.edu.