



UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG

AVAILABLE POSITION

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University of Gothenburg, Faculty of Science, Department of Conservation, announces an available position as

Senior Lecturer in Conservation – particularly landscape conservation

The Department of Conservation offers professional degree and research programs concentrated on cultural heritage issues and culturally significant urban environments, landscapes, buildings, gardens, and objects. In Mariestad, the department offers university degree programs in traditional building craftsmanship, garden craft and design, and practical landscape management. In Gothenburg, we offer programs for object conservators and built heritage professionals.

A professional conservationist requires a broad expertise that incorporates knowledge from diverse fields in the natural sciences, humanities, and social sciences. The professional practice of preserving and developing our cultural heritage also requires special practical expertise in documentation, interpretation, and analysis skills.

Landscape management is a new area in the department's craftsmanship programs that is currently being developed. Landscape management is a cultural environmental field that is gaining increased attention as cultural historical issues emerge from efforts at environmental conservation, preservation and development of urban natural and recreational areas, and rural development. Awareness of the threat of climate change and growing demands for transitioning to sustainable development have given particular emphasis to the central role of landscape management in the effort to preserve culturally significant environments.

Responsibilities

Teaching in landscape development, addressing issues of climate, environment, and natural resources in various landscape environments from a geographical perspective, as well as the geographical conditions and underlying reasons for long-term sustainability. Teaching in documentation, and interpretation of landscapes with an emphasis on conservation and development of cultural heritage landscapes. Research and knowledge development in the geographic conditions for conservation and development of the landscape's diversity and inherent values. Teaching based on distance learning, flexible studies, and Geographic Information Systems. Leadership role in the program "The Craft of Landscape Management." Supervision of undergraduate thesis projects.

Qualification requirements

PhD. Completed a course in teaching and learning in higher education of acquired corresponding knowledge in some other way. Substantial experience of teaching at the university level, properly verified.

Assessment

Candidates will be evaluated according to the following priorities:

Teaching skill, including both course development and supervision of individual student projects. Particular emphasis will be given to teaching experience with distance learning, flexible studies, and Geographic Information Systems, and to the ability to support independent thinking among students and promote a reflective approach to their work. May be demonstrated through documented experiences, letters of reference, and course evaluations.

Scientific skill in the position's area of expertise. Particular emphasis will be given to experience with interdisciplinary work.

Candidates will foremost be evaluated in terms of both teaching and scientific skills in equal measure. Evaluation will then follow the following priorities:

Familiarity with the biosphere, regional landscape strategies, and the European Landscape Convention, and with the significance these have for landscape management in Sweden, as well as the importance of handicraft in landscape management.

Ability to collaborate with society at large through information, collaborative projects, and so forth. May be demonstrated through verified experience, examples of achieved results, and/or letters of commendation for collaboration skills.

Ability to develop talent and to lead. May be demonstrated through documented experience of work in a leadership position.

Experience of administrative work and demonstrated ability to organize, structure, and develop an organization according to a given framework. May be demonstrated through references and certificates.

Ability to communicate about research and development work. May be demonstrated through examples of such communications.

Further information about the position

Information about the position can be obtained from Professor Ola Wetterberg, Head of the Department of Conservation (Phone +46 (0)31 786 47 02, email ola.wetterberg@conservation.gu.se). For further information about the department, please visit our website at <http://www.conservation.gu.se/english>.

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Selection Process

The selection process will include evaluation by experts from outside the department, interviews, guest lectures, and/or research seminars.

Application

Applications must be written in English and submitted to the Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Gothenburg.

Applications must include:

- Complete curriculum vitae, verifications of work experience, and any other documents to which the applicant chooses to refer. Documentation of teaching merits shall include a description of each position's scope and character as well as quality. The scope of prior grant awards must be clearly substantiated.
- A written account of scientific and teaching experiences, and any others of relevance to the position sought (limit 5 pages). Applicants should make clear on which merits they wish primarily to be evaluated.
- A description of ongoing and planned research and teaching, and any other planned activities of relevance to the position sought (limit 3 pages).
- A selection of at most 10 scientific projects, including the rationale for the selection.
- Contact information for two references.

A complete copy of the application must be sent—**electronically**—to the University of Gothenburg through the following website: <http://www.science.gu.se/english/application/e324397809>
Here applicants will find further instructions for how to submit their applications electronically.

Also, a complete hardcopy of the application must be sent—by regular mail—to the University of Gothenburg at the following address: **Registrar, University of Gothenburg, Box 100, 405 30 Gothenburg, Sweden**. Mark the application with the following **reference: E 324 3978/09**

Applications—in both electronic and paper versions—must have arrived in our offices by the end of the day on **February 1st 2010**.

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