



## **Catalysts for Sustainability**

**College of Humanities & Social Sciences: Open-rank, Tenure-track Professor (Professor of Environmental Sustainability and Policy)**

### **Description:**

Rowan University's newly launched Catalysts for Sustainability program seeks to hire ten new faculty to develop, advance, and communicate solutions to humanity's most pressing existential threats posed by the climate and biodiversity crises. The university-wide cohort will lead and collaborate across colleges, disciplines, and communities, catalyzing new initiatives in sustainability research, advocacy, and education while leveraging existing strengths. This project builds upon Rowan University's strategic pillars (access, affordability, quality, and serving as an economic engine) and furthers our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Successful candidates will demonstrate expertise related to the climate and biodiversity crises in one or more of the following areas: Environmental justice, Education and public engagement, including storytelling, Public policy and advocacy, Discipline-specific sustainability scholarship, and Sustainability practice.

The position is a tenure-track or tenured position at an open rank (e.g. Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor level) starting September 1, 2022. The successful candidate must be able to work with various stakeholders and will be active participant in Rowan's new interdisciplinary Catalysts for Sustainability program. Within the University the candidate will work with their department, college, as well as the Catalysts for Sustainability newly hired faculty members from the various colleges. The candidate must also be an advocate for sustainability within the University, the community, and in other arenas requiring advocacy.

Possible interdisciplinary topics of interest include one or more of the following areas related to climate crisis or biodiversity: public policy and administration, legal and social regulations, economic and social impact, environmental racism and racial justice, ecofeminism and environmental feminism, human rights, the politics of natural disasters/weather/agriculture/land use, environmental area studies, or international cooperation about the climate crisis. Regional focuses can be within the United States, comparative in nature, or international area studies, and

we are especially interested in scholars who research the global connections of the climate crisis and biodiversity.

**The successful candidate will:**

- Have a PhD in Humanities or Social Sciences or related to field (by September 1, 2022)
- Have interdisciplinary scholar who focuses on issues of climate crisis and biodiversity.
- The candidate must have a clear or established research agenda on one or both areas of climate crisis and biodiversity.
- Candidates are expected to have a strong record of research and be able to compete for external funding. Evidence of excellence in teaching and prior experience teaching at the university level is desired.
- The successful candidate can also be interested in public outreach, advocacy, and collaborative research about the climate crisis and biodiversity.
- The successful candidate must be able to advocate (both in their research, teaching, and public outreach) for the role of humanities and social sciences research fields in solving the climate crisis.

**Application Deadline:**

Review of applications will begin on January 15, 2022 and will continue until the position is filled for a start date of September 1, 2022.

**How to Apply:**

Interested candidates should submit, as a single pdf through the online application system that must include: (1) a cover letter explaining your research, teaching philosophy, and why your profile matches the Catalysts for Sustainability program; (2) graduate transcripts; and (3) three letters of recommendation.

**General Information:**

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) is the second largest college at Rowan University with seven departments, seven interdisciplinary programs, and eighteen majors. The College also has a number of established graduate programs and is in the process of developing more programs at the Master's and Doctoral level including a Master's in Public Policy and Social Work. The College also houses a number of Centers and Institutes that serve both research and pedagogical functions. CHSS places a strong emphasis on exceptional teaching, research, and citizenship. Our mission is to empower, transform, and engage students and faculty, as well as the global communities in which we live. We actively support faculty research and strive to include faculty as full partners in governance within the College.

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