

Assistant Professor of Biology (Zoology/Animal Physiology)

Pepperdine University: Faculty: Seaver College: Natural Science Division

Location

Malibu, CA

Open Date

Jul 28, 2025

Description

The Natural Science Division of Pepperdine University's Seaver College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences, located in Malibu, California, invites applications for a tenure-track appointment as an Assistant Professor of Biology for the 2026-2027 academic year beginning August 1, 2026. Applicants will have completed a Ph.D. by August 1, 2026 in zoology, animal physiology, or a closely related discipline and will be able to teach and conduct research in those areas. Well-qualified candidates will be able to contribute to the excellence and vibrancy of the Pepperdine experience through their teaching, research, mentoring of undergraduates, as well as their service to the University, their profession, and our surrounding community.

Seaver College places the total development of students at the heart of its educational strategy and seeks scholar-educators who demonstrate exceptional interest and effectiveness in teaching, a commitment to establishing a productive research program, and desire to mentor undergraduate students in both teaching and research. Candidates should have the background and ability to teach zoology and animal physiology with an associated laboratory curriculum. Candidates should also demonstrate promise to establish an active scholarly program. Successful candidates will demonstrate an active commitment to the [Christian mission and values of the University](#) and the [mission of Seaver College](#).

The salary for this appointment will range from \$90,174 to \$96,257 and reflects what Pepperdine University reasonably expects to pay for this faculty appointment. Actual salary may vary based on the qualifications and experience of the applicant, as well as market conditions. In addition to salary, Pepperdine offers a robust suite of [employee benefits](#).

Applicants should submit: 1) a cover letter, 2) a curriculum vitae, 3) a statement indicating how the candidate will support the Christian mission of the University, including their current involvement in a community of faith, 4) transcripts of all graduate work (unofficial copies are acceptable during the application process; however, official transcripts will be required for selected applicants), and 5) names and contact information for three references (these should be the same individuals who will provide a Confidential Letter of Recommendation or Evaluation if the candidate proceeds with interviews).

Application review will begin on October 1, 2025 and will continue until the position is filled.

Pepperdine is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer and does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of any status or condition protected by applicable federal, state, or local law.

Qualified individuals should be able to show respect for workplace differences, and have the ability to work effectively with individuals from different backgrounds. Offers of employment are contingent upon successful completion of a criminal, education, and employment screening. The University conducts such screenings in compliance with applicable laws and with the objectives of evaluating risk and supporting a safe environment for students, faculty, staff, and guests; safeguarding key University assets including people, property, information, and the University's reputation; and providing comprehensive job-related information to University leaders to enable them to make prudent hiring decisions. Qualified individuals with criminal histories will be considered for employment in compliance with applicable laws, including the Los Angeles County Fair Chance Ordinance.

Any inquiries about this position should be sent to the chair of the search committee:
Dr. Javier Monzón, Associate Professor of Biology (javier.monzon@pepperdine.edu)
Natural Science Division
Seaver College, Pepperdine University
24255 Pacific Coast Highway
Malibu, CA 90263

Application Instructions

Applicants should submit:

- Letter of application
- Curriculum vitae
- Names and contact information for three references. These should be the same individuals who will provide a Confidential Letter of Recommendation or Evaluation if you proceed with the interview process.
- Transcripts of all graduate work. (Unofficial copies are acceptable for the application; however, official transcripts may be required for selected applicants.)
- Personal Statement. Reflect on Pepperdine's Christian mission and address your pattern of support for generally accepted Christian values and the University's mission, your active participation in a faith community, and your practice or vision for integrating faith and learning in the classroom.