

# Boone and Crockett Endowed Chair of Wildlife Conservation

**University of Montana: Provost: Missoula: W. A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation**

## **Location**

Missoula, MT, United States

## **Open Date**

Nov 12, 2024

## **Deadline**

Jan 14, 2025 at 11:59 PM Eastern Time

## **Description**

The **University of Montana** (UM) is pleased to announce a search to fill the **Boone and Crockett Endowed Chair of Wildlife Conservation** at the assistant to full professor level. We encourage candidates with demonstrated excellence in the fields of wildlife conservation, management or ecology, or at the interface of wildlife and human dimensions or policy to apply. This 10-month appointment will be within the [Wildlife Biology Program](#) and have its departmental home within the W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation. The Wildlife Biology Program is an interdisciplinary group of faculty from the Division of Biological Sciences, the Franke College of Forestry and Conservation, and the Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit. The Wildlife Biology Program is an internationally recognized program comprised of interactive faculty with outstanding records of scholarship and teaching. The Wildlife Biology Program ranks as one of the top wildlife conservation programs in the US.

The University of Montana is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer and has a strong institutional commitment to the principle of diversity in all areas. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of qualified people who would assist the University in demonstrating its five [priorities for action](#): Place student success at the center of all we do; drive excellence and innovation in teaching, learning, and research; embody the principle of "mission first, people always"; partner with place; and proudly tell the UM story.

## **Position Details:**

**Tenure Track Faculty:** W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation

**Title:** Boone and Crockett Endowed Chair of Wildlife Conservation, Open Rank

**Schedule:** Full time academic year (10- month) position beginning fall semester 2025

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience

**Benefits:** Medical Insurance/Mandatory Retirement Contribution/Professional Development/Partial Tuition Waiver/Wellness

**Responsibilities:** The successful candidate will be expected to: 1) develop and implement a vigorous externally-funded research program focused on the management and conservation of wildlife, with an emphasis on harvested wildlife; 2) excel at graduate research and training with Master's and Doctoral students; 3) teach 2 courses (i.e., 1 undergraduate, 1 graduate) in his/her area of expertise; 4) represent the University of Montana and the Boone and Crockett Club as a leader in local, regional, and national wildlife conservation issues; 5) participate in the conservation research and education program at the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch (TRMR).

**The Boone and Crockett Club:** The Club is North America's oldest wildlife conservation organization. The Club established a Chair at The University of Montana in the early 1990s and

purchased the 6,000 acre TRMR on the Eastern Front of the Rocky Mountains in Montana. The TRMR provides habitat for abundant wildlife, adjoins millions of acres of public land, the Blackfeet Reservation and several state wildlife management areas. The TRMR is managed to be the center of an ambitious program of research and education in the conservation and management of wildlife and other natural resources focusing on public/private conservation partnerships. Endowed research funding is available to help support a research program, but the Chair will be responsible for leveraging this base funding to develop a broader research program.

**The University of Montana:** Located in Missoula, The University of Montana is the flagship liberal arts institution in the state. It has approximately 12,000 students, including an active and growing graduate school. The University's strategic goals include expanding total research productivity and growing its doctoral programs. Missoula is a city of approximately 80,000 people that offers a high quality of life and many social and cultural amenities. The area includes abundant national and state forests, parks, wildlife refuges, and wilderness areas that provide diverse research and recreational and opportunities.

#### **Qualifications**

- Ph.D
- Demonstrate a distinguished, recognized record of research achievement and grant funding.
- Demonstrate potential for or a record of teaching excellence.
- Ability to communicate effectively with conservation stakeholders and the general public.
- Demonstrate contributions to enhancing diversity in the wildlife profession.

#### **Application Instructions**

**Priority Application Date:** January 15, 2024

The position is open until filled and applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Apply online only at <http://apply.interfolio.com/159061>

Upload the following materials: \*Please note: only four (4) attachments are allowed per application.

Please be concise, combine documents accordingly, and name documents starting with your last name (e.g. Hebblewhite\_Cover.pdf; Hebblewhite\_Statements.pdf; etc.).

- **Cover letter** (max 2 pages)
- **Curriculum vitae** with names and contact information of **four professional references** (we will notify you before contacting references)
- **Statements of Research** (max 2 pages) and **Teaching Philosophy** (max 2 pages).
- Three (3) **representative publications**, collated into one pdf document

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