The Cornell Lab of Ornithology encourages applications to our competitive postdoctoral program (www.birds.cornell.edu/postdoc) that supports innovative, independent research by early career scholars of exceptional promise. Two or more named positions are available annually, with applications due on September 8.

These postdoctoral opportunities support individuals pursuing cutting-edge scholarship, while fostering intellectual interaction with two or more of the Lab’s programs. Any area of inquiry related to the Lab’s mission “to interpret and conserve the earth’s biological diversity through research, education, and citizen science focused on birds” may be appropriate. Potential applicants are encouraged to learn more about our activities and opportunities, including our formal programs in Bioacoustics, Bird Population Studies (avian ecology), Citizen Science, Conservation Science, Communication, Education, Evolutionary Biology, Information Science, Macaulay Library (animal behavior), Multimedia Productions, and Public Engagement in Science. Research or activities involving several of these areas are particularly appropriate, and therefore each postdoctoral scholar may be co-mentored by two senior Cornell scholars. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact relevant faculty and staff at the Lab to brainstorm about areas of mutual interest and synergistic projects. We are especially interested in supporting the independent research of individuals who can bring new ideas and approaches to the Lab, while simultaneously leveraging our existing tools, data, and expertise in science, education, and communication.

Each Postdoctoral Scholar will be a one year, renewable appointment for up to two years at the Lab. Located at the Imogene Powers Johnson Center for Birds and Biodiversity in the 220-acre Sapsucker Woods sanctuary, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a vibrant unit within Cornell’s University’s College of Agriculture & Life Sciences. More than 200 faculty and staff work at the Lab within our 10 mission-driven programs. Our management and staff are committed to the highest standards of ethics and excellence in all areas of our work, and our Board leadership includes faculty from Cornell and other universities, successful entrepreneurs and managers from the business and non-profit sectors, and conservation-minded citizens from the United States and beyond.

These appointments provide a competitive salary, standard Cornell health and other benefits, and funds to help support the Scholar’s research and professional travel needs. Start dates are flexible between February and September of the year following the application.

The application package consists of a cover letter, CV, two-page research proposal, pdfs of up to three representative publications, and names and contact information for three references. Postdoctoral Scholars must have received their PhD before beginning their postdoctoral appointment at Cornell. Application materials should be sent as a single pdf file to the attention of Sue Taggart (SET2@cornell.edu). Applications for the two positions available in 2016 will be accepted until September 8, 2015. The selection committee is chaired by Dr. Irby Lovette (IJL2@cornell.edu), Fuller Professor of Ornithology and Associate Director for Academic Affairs at the Lab.

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