FACULTY POSITION AT YACHAY TECH UNIVERSITY, ECUADOR:
DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF EARTH SCIENCES, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

The School of Earth Sciences, Energy and Environment at Yachay Tech University (Ecuador) invites applicants for a faculty position as the dean of the School of Earth Sciences, Energy and Environment. The expected start date is latest May 1, 2020. We seek applicants with a commitment to leadership, teaching, and research.

The candidate should have a PhD in geology/geophysics/environment or a related field, with a minimum of 5 years’ experience in a permanent position in academia, including teaching and research. The candidate should show a strong publication record and evidence of teaching experience. Previous experience in an administrative leadership role is seen positive.

The candidate will be expected to establish a research program in their area of specialization as well as to participate in teaching and student advising activities within the School. The main duties include the everyday management of the school, participation in the academic council, fostering democratic decision-making processes within the faculty, conducting yearly evaluations of the faculty, etc. The courses to be taught will depend on the candidate’s expertise. Classes are taught using the block system (e.g., https://www.coloradocollege.edu/basics/blockplan/). Most of the teaching duties will be carried out in English, and Spanish is the working language at Yachay Tech; therefore, as the dean, the candidate should be fluent in both English and Spanish.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES:

• Managing the School of Earth Sciences, Energy and Environment
• Participating in the Academic Council with other Deans and University Authorities to guarantee the functioning of the university
• Teach courses related to the applicant’s specialty
• Establish an active research program
• Seek external research funding
• Mentor undergraduate students’ research projects

APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE:

i. Cover letter
ii. Curriculum vitae including list of publications
iii. Statement of leadership philosophy and experience
iv. A research statement
v. A statement of teaching philosophy and prior teaching evaluations if available
vi. Contact information of three referees to support the application
SELECTION PROCEDURE

Review of applications will begin February 1st 2020; however, applications will be received until the position is filled. The pre-selected candidates will be interviewed (by videoconference) or may be invited to visit Yachay Tech University to deliver a seminar talk and interact with researchers from the School of Earth Sciences, Energy and Environment.

Application documents must be sent by email to the School of Earth Sciences, Energy and Environment Administrative Assistant Andrea Terán (ateran@yachaytech.edu.ec). Please include the phrase ‘Dean job application’ in the subject line.

Any other questions regarding the position can be addressed to the Director of the Geology Career in the School of Earth Sciences, Energy and Environment Dr. Elisa Piispa (epiispa@yachaytech.edu.ec).

SALARY

The salary of the position will be assigned on the basis of the candidate’s career stage and curriculum vitae.

ABOUT THE EMPLOYER

Yachay Tech University is a public university in Urcuquí, Imbabura Province, Ecuador. It has been operating since 2014. For more information, please see the following links:
- https://www.yachaytech.edu.ec/

The School of Earth Sciences, Energy and Environment has 12 faculty members with teaching and research fields that include tectonics and structural geology, geophysics, seismology, petroleum geology and basin analysis, petrology and ore deposits, sedimentology and stratigraphy, geochemistry, volcanology, hydrology, surficial processes and sustainable development. We have around 50 students in our undergraduate career and are working on starting a master’s program for spring 2021.