

Posting – CUPE3902, Unit 1 Course Instructors Summer 2026

Job Posting: March 13, 2026

Job Closing: April 6, 2026

The Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology seeks Course Instructors for the following course:

EEB405H: Temperate Field Biology (2 positions, 0.25 FCE each)

Course description: A two-week field course offered at U of T's Koffler Scientific Reserve in King City, Ontario. Students learn the natural history of the region and conduct a research project in the field.

For more information about field courses see:

<https://eeb.utoronto.ca/education/undergraduate/field-courses-2/>

Estimate of the course enrolment: 16

Estimate of TA support: 0 hours

Dates of appointment: August 1-14, 2026; pre-course meetings (including 1-2 on site days at KSR) are expected to begin in late May 2026

Class Schedule/Location: This course will take place at the Koffler Scientific Reserve located in King City, Ontario, Canada for the duration of August 1-14, 2026. Transportation, meals and accommodations will be provided by the department for the duration of the course.

Minimum Qualifications: A strong academic background in ecology and evolutionary biology is required, specifically a strong background in field research in ecology and evolutionary biology. Strong computational and/or statistical skills, as well as background in teaching R to undergraduates. A good knowledge of the field ecology of at least some groups of terrestrial organisms (e.g., plants, insects, birds) or aquatic organisms (including amphibians) that are easily studied at KSR.

Preferred Qualifications: Research experience (experimental or monitoring) with organisms present at the Koffler Scientific Reserve and that occur in summer is an asset. Prior experience teaching this or a similar university-level field course is preferred.

Relevant Criterion: Past teaching experience is the more relevant criterion than the need to acquire experience in respect of these posted positions.

Description of the duties: In advance of course, participate in the design of group teaching with tenure-stream faculty members, who are also course Team Leaders. During the course, reside at field station; deliver impromptu and organized lectures on aspects of temperate ecology and evolution; develop customized course content related to their prior expertise under dynamic field conditions; develop and deliver organized and impromptu labs on the use of R, including data visualization and analysis; unload equipment and set up teaching activities on site; pack and load equipment at end of course. Preparation and delivery of field activities; help advise, assist and supervise activities in the field including student research projects; available for office hours; assist with marking and commenting on group and individual oral presentations as appropriate and in accordance with University regulations as described in the Faculty of Arts & Science Academic Handbook.

Rate of pay for 0.25 FCE (as of January 1, 2026): \$4,721.49 plus vacation pay

Please note that should rates stipulated in the collective agreement vary from rates stated in this posting, the rates stated in the collective agreement shall prevail

Application process: Applicants should submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae via email to: Jenn English (jenn.english@utoronto.ca), Payroll Officer, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Toronto, 25 Willcocks St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 3B2.

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In accordance with Article 16:03(A) the hiring criteria for course instructor positions are: academic qualifications, the need to acquire experience, previous experience, and for continuing students, previous satisfactory employment.

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This job is posted in accordance with the CUPE 3902 Unit 1 Collective Agreement.

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