

SMITHSONIAN TROPICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE IS SEARCHING FOR A RESEARCH SCIENTIST

The Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI), headquartered in the Republic of Panama, is seeking world-class scientists to establish research programs in any current field of marine or terrestrial research, working anywhere in the tropics. These fields include all biological sciences, anthropology, archaeology, paleontology, geology, and soils science. Ideally, research initiated by the successful applicants will complement existing programs (see <http://www.stri.org>).

We are especially interested in research on vertebrate biology; anthropology and archaeology; paleontology; and climate change. Panama and adjacent regions of tropical America are rich in terrestrial and marine habitats, archaeological sites and geological deposits. STRI maintains sophisticated research laboratories, a library, and support centers, in Panama City, as well as diverse facilities for field research throughout the tropics. A 100' vessel is available for marine and coastal research. STRI scientists maintain cooperative research programs with a world-wide network of institutions. Opportunities for mentoring young scientists are available through a vigorous fellowship program, and formal teaching is possible through programs with affiliated universities.

Applicants should have a Ph.D. degree and postdoctoral research experience in their fields. Interested candidates should submit a summary of research accomplishments and interests, curriculum vitae, five significant reprints, and the names and contact information of three potential referees.

Annual salary is commensurate with experience. Laboratory set-up and relocation expenses are provided.

Housing and family education allowances may apply. Spanish-English bilingual education is available in some Panamanian schools, which follow international curricula and standards. Review of applications will begin in April 2008.

Please send applications electronically to the Director of STRI, c/o Ms. Luz Latorraca, Office of Human Resources at: LatorraL@si.edu. Address inquiries to Dr. William Wcislo, Chair, Search Committee at: WcisloW@si.edu. STRI is an equal opportunity employer and appointments are made regardless of nationality.