DUAL CAREER COUPLES & DUAL CAREER COUPLES & PARTNER ACCOMMODATION

Did your partner put a career on hold when you joined the faculty at UMaine? Are you a bit frustrated by current employment opportunities in the Bangor area?

The University offers partner accommodation benefits that just might help.



A huge part of why I accepted my position was because the University of Maine had so many examples of faculty couples we were confident that it would not take long for my husband to get a teaching position as well.

> Clarissa Henry, Associate Professor School of Biology & Ecology

We realize that faculty members will be more productive, happier, and able to successfully combine work and family responsibilities if their spouse or partner can find meaningful employment. In our rural state, it is especially important to assist faculty who move to Maine with a spouse or partner.

SEARCH WAIVER

When new professional, administrative, and faculty positions open at UMaine, partners and spouses of employees can hear about them first. If a competitive search hasn't started yet, Human Resources will match qualified prospective employees with job vacancies. All participants hired must be fully qualified for the identified position and must be approved by the hiring department. Ask your spouse or partner to check the <u>Human Resources</u> Hire Touch online database to learn about campus employment opportunities for faculty and other professionals.

FACULTY PARTNER ACCOMMODATION PROGRAM

Each year the university funds one new tenure stream or continuing contract faculty member through a competitive process. Every college and Cooperative Extension can submit a proposal for consideration by the Provost. Read more about the partner accommodation grant program using this link: <u>Faculty Partner Accommodation Program</u>

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR PARTNERS

The University of Maine supports the employment goals of the spouses and

partners of our employees. The Office of Human Resources will assist faculty partners and the partners of job finalists and current employees (within one year of their hire date) by providing the following services, contacts, and information:

- Tips on how to navigate the recruitment and application process at UMaine.
- How to find information about UMaine job vacancies.
- Informal networking support for exploring potential employment with campus departments.
- University of Maine organizational contact information.
- Contact information for other local employers and job services.



Call the Office of Human Resources at **207.581.1581** for assistance, or use this link to access information on the web: <u>Faculty Partner Employment Support</u> And check out University of Maine job opportunities here: <u>UMaine Job Listings</u>



EXTERNAL SUPPORT: MAINE CAREER CONNECT

With funding from the National Science Foundation, the Rising Tide Center facilitated establishment of an independent entity charged with mitigating the challenges of employee recruitment and retention in Eastern Maine. Visit <u>Maine Career Connect</u> to link faculty candidates and newly hired faculty with potential employers and other local organizations and service providers that can help newcomers transition smoothly and integrate seamlessly into the community.

THE FINE PRINT An individual's success in securing employment is ultimately based on his or her credentials, individual efforts, employment-related goals, the University's institutional needs, and the job market. The University's Partner Accommodation policies and related services do not guarantee employment, the creation of a job vacancy, or exert any influence over the competitive search and selection process.

HELPFUL CONTACTS

Office of Human Resources 207.581.1581 <u>hr-um@maine.edu</u> Office of Equal Opportunity 207.581.1226 <u>umaine.edu/eo</u> Maine Career Connect 207.370.0114 <u>mainecareerconnect.org</u>

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