

Position Announcement Assistant Professor – Biochemistry

The Chemistry Department at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown invites applications for a tenure stream, full-time position in Biochemistry at the Assistant Professor level. Founded in 1927, Pitt-Johnstown is the first and largest regional campus of the University of Pittsburgh. A vital knowledge center and a foremost contributor to the region's educational, social, cultural, and economic development, Pitt-Johnstown provides a first-class educational experience that is purposefully designed to prepare students for the real world of the 21st century. Pitt-Johnstown offers a supportive living-learning environment, that is grounded in the liberal arts and sciences, that is current, and responsive to both our students' personal and professional needs and the needs of our communities. Our campus is located on 650 picturesque acres in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania, 70 miles east of Pittsburgh. The Chemistry Department offers a BS in Chemistry and Biochemistry. For more information visit our web site: www.upj.pitt.edu/chemistry

Responsibilities:

Teaching duties include lower and upper level chemistry courses, particularly two-term Biochemistry with labs, and upper level course(s) in the applicant's area of expertise. The candidate will share responsibility for teaching General Chemistry with labs and general education chemistry courses for non-majors. Other responsibilities include maintaining currency in one's area of expertise, engaging students in undergraduate research, contributing to maintenance of Department instrumentation, student advising and service to the Department and the University. The candidate will oversee the implementation of the recently approved biochemistry major.

Qualifications:

Earned Ph.D. in Biochemistry or Chemistry (with evidence of a strong grounding in both chemistry and biochemistry); a commitment to teaching excellence with undergraduates and the ability to establish a research program appropriate for the undergraduate level; evidence of experience in modern instrumentation used in biochemistry; effective oral and written communication skills. The ability to teach organic chemistry and develop speaking- and/or writing-enhanced components for the biochemistry course and a course for non-science majors is desirable. A working knowledge of "green chemistry" principles and willingness to share this knowledge is highly desirable. Ability to teach biochemistry and general chemistry should be documented by at least one of the following: letter of reference, peer review of teaching, student evaluations or teaching awards.

Starting Date: August 2010

To ensure full consideration, materials must be received by April 1, 2010. Review will continue until position is filled.

Application package will include: (1) Letter of application, (2) current curriculum vita, (3) statement of teaching philosophy, (4) evidence of quality teaching, (5) plans for professional development and undergraduate research including equipment and facilities needed, (6) undergraduate and graduate transcripts (copies will suffice for initial screening), (7) statement of eligibility for employment in the United States (if not US citizen or permanent resident), and (8) three current and relevant letters of recommendation mailed directly to the Chair of the Search Committee. The University's hiring procedures do not allow for electronic applications.

Send application packet to:
Biochemistry Search Committee
Department of Chemistry
University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
Johnstown, PA 15904
Direct questions to etbell@pitt.edu

The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and Minority group members are invited and encouraged to apply.