

Valparaiso University Department of Chemistry

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Position – Physical Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry at Valparaiso University invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in the area of physical chemistry, beginning in August 2015. This is a new tenure-track position to support the growing needs of the department and University. Teaching responsibilities will include lecture and laboratory sections in physical chemistry courses and lecture and/or laboratory sections in general chemistry. Additional responsibilities in analytical chemistry and similar courses may also be assigned based on the applicant's expertise and the needs of the department. The ability to develop advanced and interdisciplinary courses within the department and in conjunction with other departments or colleges within the University is valued.

Valparaiso University is a distinguished private university of 4,500 students located in Valparaiso, IN, one hour southeast of downtown Chicago. Candidates should be interested in working at a university engaged in issues in Christian higher education in the Lutheran tradition. The Department offers ACS certified degrees in Chemistry and Biochemistry. Valparaiso University is currently designing a new science building that will house the Department of Chemistry and support continued growth in the STEM disciplines. Ground breaking is anticipated in early summer of 2015.

Interdisciplinary collaboration is encouraged. In addition to the College of Arts & Sciences, Valparaiso University is the home to highly rated Colleges of Engineering, Nursing & Health Professions, Business, and the School of Law. Department of Chemistry faculty members regularly interact and collaborate on joint projects, courses, and research with faculty from these Colleges and School.

A PhD in physical chemistry or related discipline completed by August 1, 2015 is required; previous teaching and post-doctoral experience is also desirable, but not required. Applicants must have a strong commitment to excellence in undergraduate teaching and the ability to develop an active research program that engages and mentors undergraduate students.

To apply, submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, undergraduate and graduate transcripts, and three letters of recommendation. In addition, please submit a statement of teaching philosophy that indicates teaching experience and pedagogical approaches and submit a research plan that specifically addresses how undergraduates will be engaged in the research. All application material should be submitted via Interfolio through the following link apply.interfolio.com/26869. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled; for full consideration all materials must be received by November 7, 2014. Additional information about Valparaiso University is available by visiting the university website, www.valpo.edu. Additional departmental information is available by visiting the department website, www.valpo.edu/chemistry/. For specific questions or additional information about the search, please contact the search committee chair, Dr. Jonathan Schoer, via email at jon.schoer@valpo.edu or phone at (219) 464-5374.

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Valparaiso University does not unlawfully discriminate and aims to employ persons of various backgrounds and experiences to help constitute a diverse community. Its entire EEO policy can be found at <http://www.valpo.edu/equalopportunity/index.php>.

Successful applicants will demonstrate a commitment to cultural diversity and the ability to work with individuals or groups from diverse backgrounds. In addition to strong academic qualifications and excellence in teaching, the University highly values experience in working across cultural and other significant differences.

Employment at Valparaiso University will require a satisfactory criminal background check.