

**Tenure Track Assistant Professor of Physics & Astronomy**

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The Department of Physics and Astronomy at Valparaiso University invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position beginning in August 2017. Candidates should possess a Ph.D. by the time of appointment. Postdoctoral research experience and prior teaching experience are preferred but not required. The duties of the position include undergraduate teaching of both physics and astronomy courses and maintaining an active research program in astronomy that includes undergraduate students. Candidates who can make use of the on-campus observatory and the telescopes of the SARA Consortium (of which Valparaiso University is a member) are particularly encouraged to apply. Information about the department can be found at <http://www.valpo.edu/physics>.

In addition to teaching and research, an important consideration for tenure and promotion at Valparaiso University is institutional fit (see <http://www.valpo.edu/about/mission-values/> for more about the university mission). Thus a successful candidate for a tenure-track position should show promise for success in each of these areas.

Valparaiso University is a highly regarded private university with over 3,000 undergraduates located 50 miles SE of Chicago. Candidates should be interested in working at a university engaged in issues in Christian higher education in the Lutheran tradition. Valparaiso University does not unlawfully discriminate and aims to employ persons of various backgrounds and experiences to develop and support a diverse community. Its entire EOE policy can be found at [http://www.valpo.edu/generalcounsel/equal\\_opportunity\\_policy.php](http://www.valpo.edu/generalcounsel/equal_opportunity_policy.php). Women and members of underrepresented groups are especially invited to apply for this position. 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.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, a curriculum vita, statement of teaching philosophy, statement of research interests, and three letters of recommendation to <http://apply.interfolio.com/37626>. Consideration of applications will begin Dec. 9, 2016 and continue until the position is filled.