



DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Associate Professor Position - Areas of Organic and Environmental Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry at Valparaiso University invites applications for a tenure-track Associate Professor position in the areas of organic and environmental chemistry, beginning in August 2015. This is a new tenure track position to support the growing needs of the department and university. A PhD is required, as is previous teaching and research experience at the university level. Because this is a senior-level position, we are seeking an individual with a strong publication record and demonstrated success in securing external support for scholarly work. 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.

Primary teaching responsibilities will include lecture and/or laboratory sections in organic chemistry and general chemistry courses. Additional responsibilities in environmental chemistry courses will be assigned as such courses are developed. In this regard, we are seeking an individual with the ability to develop environmental chemistry courses in conjunction with other Valparaiso University faculty that will support our interdisciplinary Environmental Science program.

Valparaiso University is a distinguished private university of 4,500 students located in Valparaiso, IN, approximately one hour southeast of downtown Chicago. 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 the summer of 2015.

Interdisciplinary and external collaboration is strongly encouraged. In addition to the College of Arts & Sciences, Valparaiso University is the home to highly rated Colleges of Engineering, Nursing & Health Professions, and Business, and the Valparaiso University School of Law. Faculty members in the Department of Chemistry regularly interact and collaborate on joint projects, courses, and research with faculty from these Colleges and School and also with external agencies, organizations, and universities. Demonstrated ability to successfully collaborate with other entities is considered a plus for this position.

Application Instructions

To apply, submit a letter of application; curriculum vitae; statement of teaching philosophy, experience, and pedagogical approaches; statement of research plans that specifically addresses how undergraduates will be engaged in research; undergraduate and graduate transcripts; and three letters of recommendation via Interfolio through the following link

<http://apply.interfolio.com/29465>. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled; for full consideration all materials must be received by May 5, 2015.



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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 department chair, Dr. Steven Engerer, via email at steven.engerer@valpo.edu or phone at (219) 464-5376.

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

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 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.