One-Year Visiting Assistant Professor in Physical Chemistry Position

The Chemistry Department at Berea College invites applications for a one-year visiting assistant professor position in physical chemistry starting Fall 2023. Teaching responsibilities will include quantum chemistry, thermochemistry, general chemistry, and an upper-division advanced laboratory. The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. in physical chemistry (or equivalent degree in related field), and a strong commitment to undergraduate liberal arts education. The candidate is also expected to supervise undergraduate teaching assistants through the Berea College Labor Program. The department is seeking an individual with experience working within a community of diverse students and colleagues, who is familiar with evidence-based, student-centered teaching and is committed to creating an inclusive classroom environment. Successful candidates will demonstrate that they can contribute to the diversity and excellence of our community.

The Chemistry Department includes six full-time faculty members—four chemists, one geologist, and one geochemist—and graduates an average of ten chemistry majors per year. The faculty at Berea College are dedicated to excellent undergraduate teaching and robust research, particularly with students. Facilities include a high field 500 MHz JEOL NMR, SEM, UV/Vis Spectrometer, IR with diamond ATR, CEM microwave reactor, and two undergraduate research laboratories.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, graduate and undergraduate academic transcripts, a statement of teaching philosophy, and three letters of recommendation to: https://tinyurl.com/mrynvnjr.

Founded in 1855, Berea College achieved national distinction as the first coeducational and interracial college in the South. Berea has a longstanding commitment to interracial education and is one of the most racially diverse private liberal arts colleges in the United States. With an emphasis on service to Appalachia and beyond, Berea enrolls 1,600 students from 43 states and U.S. territories and more than 70 countries. Berea College admits students who are unable to afford tuition and provides all of them a no-tuition promise, valued at more than $178,000. Berea’s students excel in the College’s supportive yet demanding academic environment, and many are the first in their families to attend college. As one of only nine federally recognized Work Colleges, all Berea students are expected to work 10-12 hours weekly in various positions across campus. Berea College was again named one of the nation’s “Best Institutions for Undergraduates to Earn their College Degree” in the 2022 edition of The Princeton Review’s book, The Best 387 Colleges. Berea also appeared on four other lists within the publication: Best Colleges in the Southeast; Best Value Colleges; Best Green Colleges; and Tuition Free Schools. Berea College is ranked #148 by The Princeton Review – the highest-ranked Kentucky college, and the #3 “Best Value College” in the nation. Berea is one of only two private institutions ranked in the Top 10 for Value in the Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education (THE) 2022 College Rankings. The Washington Monthly ranks Berea College #13 among the nation’s liberal arts colleges, recognizing Berea for maintaining "consistently high rankings thanks to their economic diversity, relatively strong graduation rates, and commitment to meeting students' financial need." U.S. News and World Report Rankings lists Berea as #30 among National Liberal Arts Colleges, including ranking Berea #1 in Service Learning, #2 for Most Innovative Schools, #3 in Co-ops/Internships, #4 in First-year Experiences, and tied for #13 in Best Undergraduate Teaching.

Located where the Bluegrass Region meets the Cumberland Mountains, the town of Berea (pop. 16,000) lies forty miles south of Lexington and is approximately two hours from Cincinnati, Louisville, and Knoxville. More information about Berea College is available at www.berea.edu.

Berea College, in light of its mission in the tradition of impartial love and social equality, welcomes all people of the earth to learn and work here.