Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Physical Chemistry

The Chemistry Department at Berea College invites applicants for a full-time, tenure-track position in Physical Chemistry beginning in the Fall of 2024. The ideal candidate will have a PhD in physical chemistry or a closely related field. Post-doctoral research and teaching experience are highly desirable. Teaching responsibilities include general chemistry, quantum chemistry, thermochemistry, an upper division advanced laboratory, and contributions to Berea College’s general education curriculum. The successful candidate will be expected to develop and maintain a research agenda that will actively involve undergraduate students. We seek candidates who demonstrate a strong commitment to undergraduate teaching in a liberal arts context and who can create an inclusive learning environment using evidence-based, student-centered teaching. Successful candidates will, through their teaching, research, or service, demonstrate that they can contribute to the diversity and excellence of our community.

The Chemistry Department includes five full-time faculty members and graduates an average of 10-15 majors per year. The faculty at Berea College are dedicated to excellent undergraduate teaching and robust research, particularly with students. Facilities include a 500 MHz NMR, FT-IR, luminescence spectrometer, UV/Vis spectrometer, electrospray mass spec, GCs with mass spec detector and TCD detector, HPLC, flame atomic absorption spectrometer, a CHNS/O elemental analyzer, and benchtop SEM with EDS detector.

Interested applicants should send a curriculum vitae, letter of interest, graduate and undergraduate academic transcripts, a statement of teaching philosophy, a description of a research program that could be pursued with undergraduates, and three letters of recommendation to: https://tinyurl.com/yc4c286w. Review of applications will begin October 1, 2023 and continue until the position is filled.

Founded in 1855, Berea College is nationally recognized 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 with a no-tuition promise, valued at more than $190,000. Berea’s students excel in the College’s supportive yet demanding academic environment, and most 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 South; Best Value Colleges; Best Green Colleges; and Tuition Free Schools. The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education (THE) 2022 College Rankings lists Berea as the #3 Best Value Colleges and 148 among 250 ranked colleges (highest-ranked Kentucky college). The Washington Monthly ranks Berea College #5 among Liberal arts Colleges, and #1 Best Bang for the Buck in the South. U.S. News and World Report Rankings lists Berea as #26 among National Liberal Arts Colleges, #3 for Most Innovative Schools, #6 in Top Performers in Social Mobility, and tied for #16 in Best Undergraduate Teaching. Money (2022) ranks Berea #20 Best Overall College and #10 for Best in the South.

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.