Visiting Assistant Professor in Chemistry - Physical Chemistry

The Chemistry Department at Berea College invites applications for a two-year visiting assistant professor position in physical chemistry starting August 2022. Teaching responsibilities will include quantum chemistry, thermochemistry, and general chemistry. 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. Candidates with experience in NMR spectroscopy are particularly encouraged to apply. 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.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, 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/4n4bkjew. Review of applications will begin June 15 and continue until the position is filled.

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 only admits students who are unable to afford tuition and provides all of them a no-tuition promise, valued at more than $178,000 over four years. Berea’s students excel in the College’s supportive yet demanding academic environment, and many are the first in their families to graduate college. As one of nine federally recognized Work Colleges, all Berea students hold a position in which they work 10-12 hours weekly. In 2021, Berea College once again topped the list of “Best Value Colleges” in the nation in The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education (THE) College Rankings. Berea’s no-tuition model contributed to its No. 1 best-value ranking. Forbes cited a 2021 study of nearly 400 colleges in the United States, in which Berea College ranks second in terms of affordability and academic quality. And in 2021 The Princeton Review cited Berea College as “one of the nation’s best institutions for undergraduates to earn their college degree.” The publication also recognized Berea as a Best Value College, based on academic rigor, affordability and graduates’ career outcomes; a Best Green College; and a Tuition-Free School.
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.*