POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

The Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry at Berry College, an ACS and ASBMB-approved program, invites applications for a Teaching and Research Postdoctoral Fellow in the area of organic chemistry to begin in July 2024. The initial appointment is for two years, with the possibility of an extension to a third year.

Primary responsibilities include teaching organic chemistry, and the associated laboratories, and engaging in productive research under the guidance of Dr. Mark Turlington in the area of synthetic organic chemistry. A successful candidate will commit to excellence in teaching and scholarship and possess a strong interest in mentoring students in a residential liberal arts environment. The Postdoctoral Fellow will work closely with their faculty mentor, receiving mentorship in teaching and research in preparation for a future independent academic career, with a special focus on preparing the Postdoctoral Fellow for a faculty position at a primarily undergraduate institution. A recent Ph.D. in Chemistry is required; preference will be given to applicants with a strong background in organic synthesis.

Our collegial department of ten faculty members strives for excellence in teaching chemistry and mentoring students from a wide range of backgrounds in a comprehensive college with a liberal arts core. The candidate should share our department’s commitment to student engagement inside and outside of the classroom, as well as our desire to promote opportunities for students from underrepresented groups. Berry is also committed to increasing the diversity of our faculty and staff. We welcome applications from all groups and strongly encourage women and persons of color to apply for this position.

ABOUT BERRY COLLEGE

Berry is a selective independent college of 2,200 students located adjacent to Rome, GA, midway between Atlanta, GA, and Chattanooga, TN. Berry’s educational approach deliberately unites challenging academic programs with practical work experience in a residential campus community that encourages faith and emphasizes caring for the needs of others above self. This commitment to an “education of the head, heart, and hands” remains as relevant today as when our founder instilled this ethic more than a century ago. Nationally recognized for quality of learning and quality of life, Berry offers first-rate undergraduate degree programs in the sciences, humanities, arts, and human sciences, as well as undergraduate and master's level opportunities in business and teacher education. The College’s stunning 27,000-acre campus affords opportunities that cannot be duplicated elsewhere. Berry’s ongoing commitment is to provide exceptional educational experiences to talented students from a wide range of social, racial, and economic backgrounds.

COLLEGE COMMITMENTS

Berry College is committed to recruiting and supporting a diverse faculty and staff. An Equal Opportunity Institution, Berry complies with all applicable laws and provisions prohibiting discrimination in its educational and employment policies. Berry respects the essential dignity of all individuals and accordingly hires and promotes employees without regard to matters of personal identity such as ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and political affiliation.
Berry College is committed to ensuring facilities, programs, services, and activities are accessible to everyone, including those seeking employment at Berry College. Inquiries about interview or workplace accommodations are welcomed and can be directed to Wayne Phipps, Director of Human Resources, at (706) 290-2698.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants should submit the following:

- A letter of application describing the candidate’s interest in this position, commitment to the Berry mission, and approach to inclusive teaching and learning
- A curriculum vitae
- A teaching statement that should articulate the candidate’s teaching approach, experience, and goals
- A 2 - 3 page statement of research accomplishments
- Unofficial undergraduate and graduate transcripts
- Names and contact information of three references.

Review of applications will begin on February 28, 2024, and continue until the position is filled. Specific questions about the position may be sent directly to the chair of the search committee, Dr. Mark Turlington at mturlington@berry.edu.