Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Position in Chemistry at Bowdoin College

Job Description

Bowdoin College’s Department of Chemistry invites applications for a full-time tenure-track faculty appointment at the Assistant Professor level, beginning July 1, 2024 (link to apply). A Ph.D. in chemistry or a related field is expected by the date of appointment. Preference will be for candidates who take computational approaches to address chemical problems, informed by a physical chemistry perspective, broadly defined. We are especially interested in candidates able to make connections to existing programs at the College (such as Biochemistry, Digital and Computational Studies, or Environmental Studies), strengthen one or more of the interdisciplinary tracks through our major (e.g. neurochemical, geochemical, or environmental), or bring new knowledge and skills to the department (e.g. macromolecular chemistry, green chemistry, or bioinorganic chemistry).

The successful applicant will join a supportive chemistry department comprised of nine faculty members, six laboratory instructors, an instrumentation specialist, and an academic coordinator (see Chemistry Department Home). The teaching load is three courses per year, which includes rotating responsibility for introductory chemistry; an intermediate-level physical chemistry course, and a computational chemistry course informed by the candidate's research strengths. Full-time laboratory instructor support is provided for most courses.

Bowdoin requires its faculty to have a promise of long-term successful research and a strong commitment to inclusive excellence in their teaching. (For a description of inclusive excellence, please consult the following resource: Williams, et. al., Toward a Model of Inclusive Excellence.) We are particularly interested in candidates with a strong commitment to undergraduate liberal arts education and those who demonstrate the potential to develop a funded, active, and productive research program that involves undergraduates.

The Bowdoin community warmly welcomes people of all backgrounds. We encourage applications from candidates committed to the inclusive instruction and support of a diverse student population and who will enrich and contribute to the College’s multifaceted diversity. We especially encourage people from historically excluded groups to apply. Accessibility during the application and interview stages, as well as once employed, is a priority of the College (see Bowdoin Accessibility Office). We recognize that recruiting faculty may involve considerations of spouses and domestic partners. To that end, the College has developed a policy for considering short-term (non-renewable), part-time faculty appointments for academic spouses and partners and will facilitate outreach and networking for non-academic spouses and partners. In addition, visa sponsorships are available.

Bowdoin College offers opportunities for professional development, a fully-funded, year-long junior sabbatical leave (after three years of teaching and successful reappointment), and regular, generously funded, post-tenure sabbaticals. Support for teaching, grant-writing, digital initiatives, computing software, and community partnerships in courses is readily available to all faculty. The College also offers robust programming and resources for establishing and enhancing mentoring networks.
Application Guidelines

Bowdoin College accepts only electronic submissions. After August 1, 2023, please visit Bowdoin Careers and submit your application materials: 1) a cover letter; 2) a curriculum vitae; 3) a description of your research plans that includes ideas for securing funding and the involvement of undergraduate researchers; 4) a statement that addresses your teaching interests and expertise, as well as how your teaching philosophy and how your teaching, scholarship, and mentorship support our commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion; and 5) the names and contact information for three references who have agreed to provide letters of recommendation.

Review of applications will begin Sept. 25, 2023, and continue until the position is filled.

Founded in 1794 on the Maine coast, Bowdoin is one of the oldest and most selective coeducational, residential liberal arts colleges in the country. Located in Brunswick, a 30-minute drive north of Portland, the College is in an area rich with natural beauty and year-round outdoor activities. Bowdoin’s reputation rests on the excellence of its faculty and students, intimate size, strong sense of community, and commitment to diversity (38% students of color, 7% international students and approximately 17% first generation college students). Bowdoin College complies with applicable provisions of federal and state laws that prohibit unlawful discrimination in employment, admission, or access to its educational or extracurricular programs, activities, or facilities based on race, color, ethnicity, ancestry and national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, age, marital status, place of birth, genetic predisposition, veteran status, or against qualified individuals with physical or mental disabilities on the basis of disability, or any other legally protected statuses. For further information about the College and our department, please visit the Bowdoin College website.

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For more information on any of the listed positions, please contact Richard Broene (rbroene@bowdoin.edu)