UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS - ORGANIC CHEMISTRY FACULTY POSITION

The Department of Chemistry at the University of Kansas is seeking exceptional candidates for a tenure-track position in Organic Chemistry at the assistant or associate professor level, expected to begin in the Fall of 2021. The Department is specifically interested in candidates with a strong track-record and research interest in areas of chemical biology or organic materials. We are also particularly interested in qualified candidates who, through their research, teaching, and/or service, will contribute to the diversity of Department and academic community. Thus, we strongly encourage applications from individuals who identify as members of groups that are underrepresented in science. A desire to effectively teach at both the undergraduate and graduate levels is expected, and a statement of teaching philosophy and interests is required. A competitive salary will be offered that is commensurate with experience. A Ph.D. in chemistry or closely related field is expected by start date of appointment. The successful candidate must be eligible to work in the U.S. before the start of the position.

JOB DUTIES:

40% Teaching
1. Participate actively in undergraduate and graduate instruction in chemistry.
2. Participate in advising both undergraduate and graduate students.
3. Participate in advising and evaluation of graduate students at the Ph.D. and M.S. levels, including doctoral dissertations.
4. Hold regular office hours

40% Research
1. Develop and maintain an active, well-funded research program in organic chemistry or a related field.
2. Publish research findings in appropriate scholarly outlets.
3. Present papers at professional conferences.

20% Service
1. Participate in the regular academic activities of the Department of Chemistry, including committee assignments, oral exams, seminars, and student advising.
2. Provide general service to the Department, College, the University, and the discipline

Required Qualifications:
1. Ph.D. in organic chemistry or closely related field expected by start date of appointment
2. Demonstrable research qualifications in the field of organic chemistry.
3. Well-defined plans for development of a vigorous research program of national and international repute in organic chemistry or a closely allied area.
4. Evidence of ability to teach courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels in organic chemistry.
5. Demonstrated ability to relate and communicate effectively with graduate students in the context of the research program initiated by the candidate.

Appointment at the rank of Associate Professor has the additional required qualifications.

6. Demonstrated ability to obtain substantial external funding to support research efforts.
7. A strong track-record of independent publications.

8. Have tangible support of teaching effectiveness.

9. Have documented service both internally and externally.

Evaluation of the requirements above will be made through: (1) descriptions of work experience and educational experiences in letter of application, (2) record of accomplishments and productivity addressed in CV, (3) graduate and post-graduate coursework, (4) publications and conference presentations in the field, (5) statement of teaching philosophy, experience in making scientific presentations in organic chemistry, and/or previous teaching experience, and, (6) information provided from professional references.

Additional Candidate Instructions

Review of applications will begin on January 15, 2021 and continue as needed. Only complete application packages submitted online will be considered. To apply online go to https://employment.ku.edu/academic/18274BR. If you have questions about the opening, please contact Prof. Jon Tunge, Search Committee Chair at tunge@ku.edu.

A complete application package includes: (1) an online application, (2) a cover letter detailing work experience and education experiences, (3) CV detailing the candidate’s record of accomplishments and productivity (4) research statement (2-5 pages), (5) graduate and post-graduate coursework, (6) statement of teaching philosophy, and (7) and names with contact information for three professional references. The three (3) letters of recommendation should be sent directly to chemistry@ku.edu.

In addition to the materials above, learning about each applicant’s contribution and engagement in areas of diversity is an important part of KU’s mission. As a result, applicants will be presented the following question at the time of application (response must be within 4,000 characters or less):

*Please describe your experience, approach or methodologies to create and implement inclusive teaching and advising practices, pedagogical techniques and course materials to create an inclusive classroom environment.

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