Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Tenure-Track

Salary
$54,500.00 Annually

Location
Westerville, OH

Job Type
Faculty

Job Number
00255

Division
Academic Affairs

Department
Chemistry

Opening Date
10/23/2023

Closing Date
11/23/2023 11:59 PM Eastern

DESCRIPTION
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Assistant Professor of Chemistry Tenure-Track

Otterbein University is seeking applicants for the position of tenure-track Assistant Professor of Chemistry with expertise in organic chemistry. We seek candidates with a demonstrated commitment to undergraduate teaching and research, as well as to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, who will contribute to the department’s efforts to enhance diversity and provide an inclusive learning environment for all.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES
Our new colleague will demonstrate excellence in teaching and mentoring a diverse student population. They will teach a 3-4 load (a total of 21 workload hours for the academic year), which includes teaching courses in Chemistry and general education. Specific courses will include Organic Chemistry I and Organic Chemistry II lecture and laboratories and upper-level Chemistry classes. Successful candidates are also expected to develop and maintain an active and engaging research program with undergraduate students and to participate in service at departmental and university levels. New faculty are eligible for start-up funds, research lab space, and a reduced
instructional workload during their first year to establish a research program, along with opportunities for ongoing professional development funding and support from our Center for Teaching and Learning.

QUALIFICATIONS
A Ph.D. with training in organic chemistry is required, along with evidence of effective and inclusive teaching and commitment to research with undergraduate students. The candidate should have a commitment to teaching in a comprehensive liberal arts-based institution. Both a Ph.D. and postdoctoral experience in organic chemistry are preferred.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
WHEN: This appointment begins in August 2024.

COMPENSATION: For the rank of Assistant Professor - $54,500 (plus full University benefits).

DEPARTMENT: The Department of Chemistry is a vibrant community consisting of six full-time and several part-time faculty who prepare diverse and talented students to become competent scientists through sound curricular programming, dedicated faculty, and appropriate facilities and equipment. Faculty members have been successful in securing funding to support research and teaching/learning initiatives. We offer three majors – B.A. in Chemistry, B.S. in Chemistry, and B.S. in Environmental Chemistry – and a Chemistry minor. Our program leading to a B.S. in Chemistry is certified by the American Chemical Society, and the Department is also integral to our interdisciplinary Biochemistry & Molecular Biology program. Visit us at https://www.otterbein.edu/chemistry/ to learn more about the Department of Chemistry.

OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY: Historically progressive. That is the hallmark of Otterbein University and those connected to this private university nestled in the picturesque, historic Uptown Westerville district in central Ohio and minutes away from Columbus, Ohio’s largest city. Otterbein has set the pace by providing an educational experience that is progressive, innovative, and inclusive. Students come from towns throughout Ohio, as well as many states and multiple countries, enriching the campus through their individual and collective diversity. As a university that educates students of various racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds, we strive for and value a diverse faculty and staff that reflects our student population and Franklin County. Otterbein is the first university in Ohio to be selected by the American Association of Colleges and Universities to host a Truth, Racial Healing and Transformation Campus Center. Otterbein will work with its own campus community as well as the Columbus City and Westerville City school districts to create positive narrative change about race; promote racial healing activities; and erase structural barriers to equity and opportunity. To learn more about Otterbein, visit www.otterbein.edu.

WHERE: Otterbein University is located in Westerville, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus, and has received notable national designations, including two appearances on Money Magazine’s Top 100 list of Americas’ “Best Places to Live” and recognized as one of
Forbes “America’s Friendliest Towns.” Westerville has a population of approximately 37,000 people and combines the beauty and convenience of a medium-sized community with the cultural, educational, and economic benefits of Columbus, the state capital, a thriving and diverse metropolitan area of 1.4 million people. Central Ohio is the fastest growing area in the state with stability provided by a diversified economy.

APPLICATION: To apply send (1) a cover letter; (2) your curriculum vitae; (3) your teaching philosophy (not more than 3 pages); (4) your research plans including how undergraduate students would be involved (not more than 4 pages); (5) three references; and (6) a diversity statement consisting of no more than one single-spaced page, addressing the following two questions: How has a focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion informed your teaching, scholarship, and/or professional experience to date? How do you see yourself contributing to Otterbein’s commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion? All application materials should be received by November 23, 2023.

To apply, please visit: https://apptrkr.com/4719565

Otterbein considers diversity and inclusion as integral parts of the University’s achievement of excellence. We welcome applications from candidates from groups that have been historically underrepresented in chemistry and in higher education. Otterbein University is an EEO Employer.

Otterbein University is committed to providing a welcoming environment free from unlawful discrimination. To this end, the University prohibits any form of discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, sex, gender, pregnancy, religion, creed, marital status, partnership status, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, disability, military status, or any other legally protected status in its programs and activities. However, the University’s commitment to a nondiscriminatory environment is not intended to abridge unduly its commitment to academic freedom, free speech, or its educational mission.