Assistant Professor of Chemistry
Pacific Lutheran University
Tacoma, WA

Work Schedule:
Full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor position available September 1, 2021. PLU's academic year spans from September to May.

General Description:
The Chemistry Department at Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) seeks to hire a tenure-track Assistant Professor to teach both upper- and lower-division courses, including analytical chemistry. We prefer candidates that have skills using and troubleshooting instrumentation and that have either post-doctoral research experience or experience conducting research with undergraduates. The successful applicant will be expected to develop a vibrant research program with external funding involving undergraduate students. Additional responsibilities will include mentoring and advising as well as service on academic committees. The department (http://www.plu.edu/chemistry/) offers ACS-certified degrees. Instrumentation and resources include 500 MHz FT-NMR, AFM, GC/MS, HPLC, FTIR, Raman, UV/VIS, ICP-MS, GPC, a glovebox, potentiostats, and a variety of computational chemistry software.

Essential Functions and Responsibilities:
- Teach upper and lower-division courses as needed, including analytical chemistry lecture and lab;
- Establish a vibrant, externally funded research program involving undergraduate students;
- Contribute to the University, Division of Natural Sciences, and Chemistry Department through scholarship activities and service.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:
The successful applicant must have the demonstrated knowledge, skills, and abilities to:
- teach students from diverse backgrounds, including women and members of underrepresented minority groups in a university setting;
- teach analytical chemistry, advanced courses in their area of expertise, and general chemistry;
- show promise as an innovative and effective classroom instructor;
- commit to providing research experiences for undergraduates and engaging them in research as part of the successful applicant's scholarship;
- contribute to the department and the University through service with individuals of diverse backgrounds.

Required Qualifications:
- Ph.D. in chemistry or closely allied discipline. ABD will be considered, but Ph.D. must be in hand by September 1, 2021.
- Experience working with or teaching diverse groups including women and members of underrepresented minority groups.

Preferred Qualifications:
- Skills using and troubleshooting instrumentation.
- Post-doctoral research or experience teaching and conducting research with undergraduate students.

Other Information:
Pacific Lutheran University purposefully integrates the liberal arts, professional studies and civic engagement in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. PLU continues the transformational tradition of Lutheran higher education through its commitment to the advancement of knowledge, freedom of expression, and critical questioning. Offering distinctive opportunities for global engagement, collaborative student-faculty research and purposeful learning, PLU guides 3,100 students from all faiths and backgrounds discern their vocation through coursework, mentorship and internships at world-class Puget Sound-area businesses and institutions.
PLU is located on a 156-acre woodland campus in the Parkland neighborhood of Tacoma, Washington and about 40 minutes south of downtown Seattle. The campus reflects consciously green practices and is in proximity to the natural beauty of Mount Rainier, the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges, and the Puget Sound.

PLU's administration supports and respects the strong culture of faculty-shared governance by working closely and collaboratively with faculty leadership to sustain and strengthen existing structures and procedures while working together on key institutional, academic and curricular decisions.

The university is committed to active recruitment of a diverse faculty, staff and student body from all religions, races, socioeconomic groups, sexual orientations, and gender expressions and from all over the world. For the 2019-20 academic year, 42 percent of incoming first-year students were the first generation in their families to attend college; 45 percent self-identified as students of color; and 37 percent were Pell Grant-eligible. PLU is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications from members of historically underrepresented and minoritized groups, women, veterans, persons with disabilities, and others who would bring broadly diverse perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds in educational, research or other work activities.

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