ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AND COORDINATOR OF THE CORE CAMPUS MASS SPECTROMETRY FACILITY
Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry
South Dakota State University

The Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry is offering an exciting career opportunity as an Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Core Campus Mass Spectrometry Facility. We are seeking candidates with interests in the research area of bioanalytical mass spectrometry (protein characterization), multidisciplinary research collaborations that will complement the existing research programs in the Department and at South Dakota State University, and teaching related to analytical chemistry. Demonstrated skills in managing a service laboratory and in building service-user relations are preferred. This is a 9-month, full-time, benefit eligible, tenure-track position, which is supervised by the Head of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry with an anticipated start date of August 2023 preferred. The incumbent is also expected to work closely with the Director for Research Support Core Facilities.

South Dakota State University promotes access to and opportunities for all to receive the benefit of and participate in education, research, and service and is especially interested in candidates that can contribute to this land-grant mission of access.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
The successful candidate will serve as Coordinator of the Core Campus Mass Spectrometry Facility (CCMSF) and will develop an independently funded research program which, in part, supports this facility. The Coordinator will provide the leadership necessary to keep the operation competitive with core facilities at our peer institutions, to help ensure funding success, as well as promote collaboration with other core facilities on campus to maximize research efforts and provide optimum service. Qualified candidates are expected to possess expertise in small molecule mass spectrometry and/or protein characterization, as well as extensive experience with established mass spectrometry approaches and methods for detailed analysis to support the chemical and biochemical disciplines and the life sciences. Successful candidates will also be expected to teach both graduate and undergraduate courses in the areas of analytical chemistry. The specific instructional responsibilities will depend upon the candidate’s expertise and may include development of new courses in mass spectrometry, –omics or other areas that strengthen our current curriculum. Along with research and teaching, the incumbent will be required to contribute to the mission of the Department and University, mentor undergraduate and graduate students in research, engage in departmental and university service, and establish both internal and external research collaborations. This position consists of 50% scholarly research, 30% teaching, and 20% assigned service as Coordinator of the Core Campus Mass Spectrometry Facility.
MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
- PhD in chemistry, biochemistry, or a closely related field completed by first day of employment.
- Evidence of current scholarly, professional or creative achievement to indicate potential to achieve tenure in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry in the future.
- Demonstrated experience with bioanalytical mass spectrometry, including protocol development, instrument operation, troubleshooting and data analysis.
- A strong commitment to and demonstrated success towards the advancement of undergraduate and graduate education with an emphasis on excellence in teaching, research and scholarship.
- Ability to communicate and work effectively with a variety of audiences and collaborators.
- Demonstrated organizational and time management skills.
- Ability to work as a contributing team member.
- Demonstrated potential to plan, develop, and deliver academic courses.
- Excellent verbal and written communication as well as strong interpersonal skills.
- Sponsorship is not available for this position, must be authorized to work in the U.S.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:
- Postdoctoral or equivalent experience relevant to this position.
- Demonstrated experience with planning, developing, and delivering academic courses.
- Demonstrated leadership skills.
- Demonstrated collaboration in developing funding proposals to support new and/or enhanced research.
- Experience in publishing in the top-quartile of peer-reviewed journals.

SALARY:
Commensurate with qualifications.

BENEFITS:
South Dakota State University offers a wide range of benefits including medical, dental, and flexible benefits, retirement plans, compensation packages, paid holidays, and vacation leave. Employees also have access to internal and state-sponsored training as well as reduced tuition for state-supported courses at all State of South Dakota academic institutions.

UNIVERSITY AND THE BROOKINGS COMMUNITY:
South Dakota State University is the state’s largest, most comprehensive university with more than 200 academic programs, an enrollment of approximately 12,000 students, and over $60 million annual research expenditures.

South Dakota State University offers a rich academic experience in an environment of inclusion and access through inspired, student-centered education, creative activities and research, innovation and engagement that improve the quality of life in South Dakota, the region, the nation and the world. Its employees embrace the university’s core values of being people-centered, expanding knowledge through creativity, embracing organizational and personal integrity, commitment to diversity of thought, and excellence through continuous improvement.
The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry offers Bachelor of Science degrees in chemistry, biochemistry, and chemistry education, a Master of Science degree in chemistry (MS) as well as with a chemical education specialization, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in chemistry (PhD) or biochemistry (PhD).

The BS chemistry major meets the certification requirements of the American Chemical Society and the BS in biochemistry is accredited by the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Both majors are excellent preparation for medical, dental, veterinary, or other professional school admission. They provide training for students planning to attend graduate school or work in the chemical or biochemical industries. Students pursuing the chemistry major have the option of developing an emphasis in environmental chemistry or materials science.

The graduate programs in the department lead to the M.S. or Ph.D. degrees in chemistry or a Ph.D. degree in biochemistry. Research programs exist in analytical, biochemistry, chemical education, environmental, organic, and physical chemistry.

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Jackrabbits Athletics competes as an NCAA Division I member with membership in the Missouri Valley Football Conference, the Summit League and the Big XII for wrestling.

Brookings is home to approximately 24,000 residents and is located 60 miles north of Sioux Falls and 200 miles west of Minneapolis. Brookings is listed as an ideal community for families, students, young professionals and retirees, and is rated among the safest and most vibrant cities in South Dakota.

The Brookings Public School District educates approximately 3,300 K-12 students and ranks among the state’s highest academic achieving school districts. The district includes three elementary schools, an intermediate school for fourth and fifth grade, one middle school, and a high school.

The city also boasts an abundance of attractions and activities, including the Children’s Museum of South Dakota, Dakota Nature Park, South Dakota Art Museum, McCrory Gardens, South Dakota Agricultural Heritage Museum, Outdoor Adventure Center and the Brookings Summer Arts Festival.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**
Position is open until filled with full consideration given to applications received by June 30, 2023.
APPLICATION PROCESS:
South Dakota State University accepts applications through an online employment site. To apply, visit: https://yourfuture.sdbor.edu, search by the position title, view the job announcement, and click on “apply for this job.” This system will guide you through the electronic application form. This employment site will also require the attachment of a cover letter, which should specifically address how the candidate meets the qualifications as outlined in the advertisement, Curriculum Vitae, Research Statement (3 page maximum, attached as “work or writing sample”), Teaching Statement (3 page maximum, attached as “Other”) and a reference page with the contact information for three professional references. Email applications will not be accepted. Please contact South Dakota State University Human Resources at 605-688-4128 if you require assistance with this process.

Any offer of employment is conditioned upon the university’s verification of credentials and other information required by law and/or university policies, including but not limited to, successful completion of a criminal background check.

South Dakota State University is a tobacco free environment. It is university policy to maintain a drug-free environment and to thereby establish, promote, and maintain a safe and healthy working and learning environment for employees and students. This position is subject to South Dakota State University’s Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy 4:14.

For questions on the position, contact Dr. Brian Logue at 605-688-6698 or brian.logue@sdstate.edu.

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