

Soka University of America (SUA) seeks to fill a position for a full-time tenure-track Professorship (Open-Rank) in Biochemistry beginning August 2020. The successful candidate will demonstrate their ability to excite and interest students in small classroom and laboratory settings and to develop a productive program of research and scholarship. This position will support SUA's new Concentration in Life Sciences and Pre-Health Program housed in a new state-of-the-art science teaching and research facility. The teaching responsibilities of this position include developing and teaching new biochemistry and interdisciplinary classroom and/or laboratory courses for these programs. In addition, the faculty member may develop and teach courses designed for students not concentrating in Life Science that meet the General Education course requirements in Biological Science or Physical Science. All faculty members also teach at least one course in SUA's cross-disciplinary General Education curriculum (Core, Modes of Inquiry, or Learning Cluster; for course descriptions, see our catalog at www.soka.edu). All courses should engage students via project-based and active learning approaches suitable for small class sizes. The teaching load per academic year is five courses.

SUA is a selective four-year institution offering a challenging B.A. in the liberal arts. The university is committed to cross-disciplinary education and aims to foster close intellectual relations between faculty and students through mentorship. An appreciation of the centrality of peace, freedom and human rights to the happiness of the individual and the world provides the founding impetus for the university and its mission. SUA is open to students of all nationalities and beliefs and is committed to diversity in its academic community. About half of SUA students have come from the US, and half have come from over 45 other countries.

Qualifications: Applicants from all fields of biochemistry are welcome with preference for interdisciplinary researchers in fields relevant to our new life sciences concentration, which is designed to prepare students for careers in biology, medicine, and public health. Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in Biochemistry or an appropriate area, and preferably will have postdoctoral experience. Applicants should be versatile enough to teach outside their area of specialization, such as organic chemistry or other chemistry courses, and will have demonstrated excellence in teaching and research.

Benefits / Salary: Salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience. All full-time faculty members are eligible for medical, dental, and retirement benefits.

Deadline for applications: Review of applications will begin on October 1st, 2019 and continue till the positions are filled. Applicants should submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, a one to two-page statement of teaching philosophy (which should also address how the candidate would fulfill the teaching responsibilities described above), evidence of teaching effectiveness, a one-page statement of research interests and three confidential letters of recommendation to be addressed to Bryan Penprase, Ph.D., Dean of Faculty. Please submit all documents to our Interfolio link below. Employment is contingent on the completion of a successful background check.

Please apply by clicking on this link: <https://apply.interfolio.com/65303>

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