

Visiting Assistant Professor of Organic Chemistry

The Life Sciences concentration at Soka University of America (SUA) seeks to fill a full-time visiting assistant professorship in Organic Chemistry, beginning on August 16, 2021. This is a one-year position. The successful candidate will demonstrate the ability to engage students in small classroom and laboratory settings. This position will support SUA's new Concentration in Life Sciences housed in a new state-of-the-art science teaching and research facility. The teaching responsibilities of this position include developing and teaching Organic Chemistry courses (I and II) and general education courses for non-science students. All courses should involve students via project-based and active learning approaches suitable for small class sizes. The teaching load per academic year is five courses. This individual will also be responsible for operating, maintaining, and training users on our new nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer. We anticipate hiring a tenure-track Organic Chemistry professor in the next few years.

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 come from the US, and half come from over 45 other countries.

Qualifications: Applicants from all fields of organic chemistry 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 science, biotechnology, and medicine. Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in Chemistry. Preferably, candidates will have teaching experience in Organic Chemistry.

Candidates should demonstrate responsiveness toward and understanding of diverse student backgrounds, especially with regard to socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, culture, ability/disability, sexual orientation, and gender identity and have a willingness to facilitate the university's mission to develop global citizens

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

Application Information: Applicants should submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, unofficial transcripts, and a one to two-page teaching philosophy which should also address how the candidate would fulfill the 1) teaching and 2) NMR responsibilities described above and 3) how they can incorporate diverse identities and viewpoints through their teaching and/or scholarship. Applicants who could enrich campus diversity are especially encouraged to apply. Please provide contact information for three references. References will be requested prior to the phone interview through the Interfolio platform. **All other materials must be received by February 1, 2021.**

Please apply by clicking on this link: <http://apply.interfolio.com/82296> by February 1, 2021 for full consideration. Employment is contingent on the completion of a successful background check.

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