Assistant Professor in Environmental Health Sciences

The Department of Environmental Health Sciences in the School of Public Health and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Amherst invites applications for a full-time, academic-year (nine-month), tenure-line position as Assistant Professor of Environmental Health Sciences. UMass Amherst is a doctoral-granting university with highest research activity (R1) and is the flagship campus of the University of Massachusetts.

UMass Amherst is a nationally ranked public research university offering a full range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees. The University sits on nearly 1,450 acres in the scenic Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts and offers a rich cultural environment in a bucolic setting close to major urban centers. In addition, the University is part of the Five Colleges (including Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, and Smith College), which adds to the intellectual energy of the region.

Job Description

This is a fully state-funded (nine-month) tenure line position. Responsibilities include developing an active program of research, teaching, and professional and community service, as well as mentoring graduate and undergraduate students. Candidates must possess strong research skills with a potential for the development of an extramurally funded research program, commensurate with experience, in Environmental Health Sciences. Candidates will be expected to establish an independent research program and participate in graduate and undergraduate education and advising. Applicants with research interests in any area of environmental health will be considered; however, our department is particularly interested in candidates with expertise in risk assessment, exposure science, molecular epidemiology, bioinformatics/computational biology, mechanistic toxicology, or global environmental health to complement existing expertise within the Department of Environmental Health Sciences.

The successful applicant will join a rapidly growing graduate program and faculty in Environmental Health Sciences. Current areas of faculty research in the Environmental Health Sciences department include environmental exposure assessment, dose-response modeling, developmental toxicology, environmental epigenetics, and endocrine disruptors. In addition to national and international collaborations, public health faculty members collaborate extensively with faculty across the School of Public Health and Health Sciences, other departments on campus, the University’s Medical School in Worcester, MA, and Baystate Health in Springfield, MA.

The Department of Environmental Health Sciences and the School of Public Health and Health Sciences are committed to increasing the diversity of the faculty, student body, and curriculum. A record of, or potential for, building diverse and effective collaborations in research, teaching, and service is positively considered. The department is interested in candidates who have the potential to work with, or have their research help, diverse populations. Further, the department values candidates who have experience working in settings with students from diverse backgrounds, and who possess a strong commitment to contributing to the success of historically underrepresented students.
Requirements

Candidates must have a professional profile appropriate for a September 1, 2022, tenure system appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor, to include:

- Terminal degree (PhD, ScD, DrPH) in Environmental Health Sciences, Public Health, or a related field by September 1, 2021
- Strong evidence of or potential for independent and collaborative research
- Strong record of peer reviewed publications, commensurate with experience
- Potential for excellent teaching at the undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral levels
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Potential for fostering equity and inclusion.

Preferred Qualifications

Preference will be given to candidates who have:

- Excellent potential for securing federal research funding
- Demonstrated experience as a postdoctoral fellow or industry or government employee in their field of research.

Salary Information

The University offers a competitive salary with an attractive benefits package. Details on benefits can be found at https://www.umass.edu/humres/benefits-0. This position is in the MSP/MTA bargaining unit.

Application Instructions

Applicants are required to apply through the UMass online application system, unless unable to do so.

Applicants should submit:

1. A letter of interest addressed to Professor Angela de Oliveira, Interim Chair, Department of Environmental Health Sciences, 149A Goessmann Laboratory, 686 North Pleasant Street, Amherst, MA 01003 USA
2. Curriculum vitae
3. A description of research
4. A Teaching Statement
5. Names and contact information for three references who are willing to submit letters upon request, through the UMass online applications system.

Additionally, applicants should submit a one-page diversity statement that discusses: their skills, experiences, and commitment to teaching and mentoring diverse and historically underrepresented student populations; professional service that assists in achieving equity, inclusion, and diversity; and how their past or future research addresses fundamental questions important to a diverse and global society.

The application review process will begin October 25, 2021, and will continue until the position is filled. Applications should be received by November 1 for priority consideration. The anticipated start date is September 2022.
For questions about the search process, please contact the department administrator, Suzanne Tromara, at stromara@umass.edu.

The University is committed to active recruitment of a diverse faculty and student body. The University of Massachusetts Amherst is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer of women, minorities, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities and encourages applications from these and other protected group members. Because broad diversity is essential to an inclusive climate and critical to the University’s goals of achieving excellence in all areas, we will holistically assess the many qualifications of each applicant and favorably consider an individual’s record working with students and colleagues with broadly diverse perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds in educational, research, or other work activities. We will also favorably consider experience overcoming or helping others overcome barriers to an academic career and degree.

UMass Amherst is committed to a policy of equal opportunity without regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, age, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, disability, military status, or genetic information in employment, admission to and participation in academic programs, activities, and services, and the selection of vendors who provide services or products to the University. To fulfill that policy, UMass Amherst is further committed to a program of affirmative action to eliminate or mitigate artificial barriers and to increase opportunities for the recruitment and advancement of qualified minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and covered veterans. It is the policy of the UMass Amherst to comply with the applicable federal and state statutes, rules, and regulations concerning equal opportunity and affirmative action.

Where to Apply

Please submit your application at: