Visiting Assistant Professor – Organic Chemistry

Position Details: Gustavus Adolphus College invites applications for a full-time, one-year position of Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry to begin September 1, 2022.

Institution Information: Gustavus Adolphus College seeks employees who are committed to and will be resolute in advancing inclusion and equity. We seek candidates whose experience has prepared them to help us realize our college-wide goal of engagement and inclusion of culturally and racially diverse audiences in the humanities, arts, and sciences. The Gustavus Acts strategic plan renews our commitment to equip students to lead purposeful lives, and to act on the great challenges of our time by diversifying and expanding the Gustavus community and delivering a distinctive and integrated liberal arts education.

Minnesota is home to a vibrant African American community and growing communities of Hmong, Latinx, and Somali peoples, as well as significant numbers of Indigenous people. We believe that representation from all of these groups contributes positively to our student body.

We are committed to fostering a community that embodies the value of a liberal arts education rooted in pluralism. We engage in this work at a coeducational, private, Lutheran (ELCA) College of Swedish immigrant heritage that is a leading residential, national liberal arts institution of 2200 students.

Department Information: The Department of Chemistry seeks to provide a stimulating intellectual environment by cultivating a highly engaged community of scholars. Central to our approach is the pursuit of scholarship through both independent and collaborative student-faculty research. We aim to challenge students to pursue an understanding of the natural world through study of and research in chemistry in order to develop scientifically-minded citizens and competent experimental scientists. We aspire for our students to appreciate interdisciplinary perspectives and problem-solving approaches, and to communicate effectively with a variety of audiences. Overall, we aim to value and support the development of whole persons for all members of our learning community.

Major/Essential Functions: The teaching assignment will be between 26 and 28 contact hours. Primary fall teaching responsibilities will include a combination of 200-level Organic II Chemistry lectures and/or labs (3 course equivalents, 12 contact hours). Responsibilities in the spring will include a combination of 100-level Organic I lectures and/or labs (3 course equivalents, 12 contact hours) and a half-credit (2 contact hours) "special topics" course determined by the candidate and appropriate to the candidate’s expertise.

Application Procedures: To apply, visit https://gustavus.edu/jobs and complete the online application. The documents that must be uploaded include the following:

- Letter of application that addresses the position qualifications
- Curriculum vitae
- A brief (one page) statement of teaching philosophy that addresses equitable and inclusive teaching practices
- A brief (one page) career vision statement describing how this position fits with your professional goals
- Transcripts (scanned copies acceptable)
- The names and contact information for three professional references (at least one must be able to address teaching experience and teaching effectiveness; please indicate the teaching reference in your letter of application). Please do not ask references to submit letters of recommendation; the committee will conduct reference checks by phone.

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For full consideration, applications must be received by March 28, 2022. While applications may be accepted after this date, it is not guaranteed that they will be considered. At this time, please only upload the required documents listed above; finalists may be asked to submit additional materials. Incomplete applications will not be considered by the search committee.

Gustavus Adolphus College is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer. The College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, marital status, disability, or veteran status in its education or employment programs or activities.

Prerequisites

Minimum Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in organic chemistry (or a related field); we will consider candidates who have achieved ABD status and who will complete their degree by September 1, 2022
- Prior experience teaching organic chemistry
- Demonstrated effectiveness in teaching
- Evidence of a commitment to undergraduate student advising
- Experience working with people from diverse backgrounds and a demonstrated commitment to pedagogical methods that enable students across racial, ethnic, and socio-economic groups to reach their maximum potential