Assistant Professor of Chemistry (Environmental / Analytical)—Search# 67832
College of Science and Mathematics / Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in the College of Science and Mathematics invites applications and nominations for a tenure track assistant professor of Chemistry with a specialization in Environmental / Analytical Chemistry. The home campus for this position will be the Statesboro campus.

Georgia Southern University is a distinctive combination of Southern charm and uncompromising academics. We are a Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution serving about 26,500 students through nine colleges on three beautiful oak-lined campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville, and via a growing online program. Throughout its degree offerings at the associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral levels, Georgia Southern cultivates community collaboration, world-class scholarship and hands-on learning opportunities.

Georgia Southern University was founded in 1906 as a school for teaching modern agricultural production techniques and homemaking skills to rural school children. Its Savannah campus was established in 1935 as Armstrong Junior College for local youth who could not afford to attend college away from home. The Liberty Center in Hinesville was established in 1998 to serve the military and their families at nearby Fort Stewart, the largest military base east of the Mississippi. All three locations came together in 2018 when Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University consolidated. The “new” Georgia Southern University preserves a passion for serving its neighbors while preparing students for lifelong service as scholars, leaders, and responsible stewards of their communities.

Believing that diversity, equity, and inclusion contribute to excellence in the workplace and to the quality of the University’s academic environment, Georgia Southern University is committed to recruiting and retaining diverse faculty and staff to support, promote, and serve a diverse student body and promote Inclusive Excellence. Candidates from historically underrepresented groups, whose work furthers the institution’s Inclusive Excellence goals and who bring to campus varied life experiences, perspectives, and backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

Within this setting, the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry is housed in the College of Science and Mathematics. The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry offers two ACS certified Bachelor of Science degrees in chemistry and biochemistry as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry. The department also offers a Master of Science in Applied Physical Science with concentrations in pharmaceutical science, materials and coatings science, and environmental science. The department is rapidly increasing its externally funded research activities and is housed in a 16 year-old, recently reconfigured, 47,000 square foot facility.
containing modern classrooms with dedicated teaching and research laboratories on the Statesboro campus and a similar facility on the Armstrong campus. The department is comprised of 45 faculty with 36 in the professor track and 9 in the lecturer track as well as 4 full time staff. The faculty focuses on high quality, student-centered undergraduate and graduate education that prepares students for careers in the chemical industry as well as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and education. The department is committed to both graduate and undergraduate research with the majority of undergraduate biochemistry and chemistry majors participating, thus furthering their preparedness for post-baccalaureate studies in many fields. A hallmark of this Department is faculty mentoring of undergraduate chemistry and biochemistry majors. Information describing the department and its faculty can be found at http://cosm.georgiasouthern.edu/chemistry/.

Position Description. Reporting to the Department Chair, the Assistant Professor requires teaching, service, and scholarship responsibilities. The position is a 9-month tenure track appointment, with a salary that is both competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:
- Earned Ph.D. in Chemistry (with an analytical / environmental chemistry emphasis), or a closely related field, by August 1, 2021.
- Commitment to teaching excellence in the undergraduate and graduate classroom.
- Potential for developing an externally funded research program in the area of analytical / environmental chemistry that fully involves and engages both graduate and undergraduate students.
- Ability to work with diverse populations.
- Effective communication skills in spoken and written English.
- Willingness to engage with institutional student success initiatives.
- Commitment to engaging with best practice initiatives in instruction and pedagogy, mentoring, and curriculum design and development.
- Authorization to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution.

Preferred Qualifications:
- Post-doctoral experience.
- Teaching experience.
- Research that impacts the Coastal Plain region.

Special Instructions to Applicants:
Screening of applications begins January 11, 2021 and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is August 1, 2021.

To equitably serve a fast growing and highly diverse student body and to fulfill the University’s commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, we actively seek candidates with a demonstrated commitment to Pillar 3 of our University and College’s Strategic Plan: Inclusive Excellence. Applicants are required to submit an Inclusive Excellence statement (2 pages). In the Inclusive Excellence statement, applicants should reflect on their experience, vision, and
commitment regarding teaching and mentorship of students from diverse backgrounds and
discuss past, current, and future contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion in the areas of
research, teaching, service, and outreach. Candidates should refer to the College Strategic Plan found
at https://cosm.georgiasouthern.edu/

A complete application (a single pdf file) consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited
above; a curriculum vitae; photocopies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts; a statement of
teaching philosophy (up to 2 pages); a description of proposed research (up to 3 pages, including
start up needs); an Inclusive Excellence statement (2 pages); and a list of three references
(names, addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers).

In addition, three letters of recommendation to be sent directly from the references as a pdf
document. Other documentation may be requested.

Only complete applications submitted electronically will be considered. Finalists will be required
to submit to a background investigation. Application and nominations should be emailed to:
Dr. Arpita Saha, Search Chair, Search #67832
Georgia Southern University
Electronic mail: asaha@georgiasouthern.edu
Telephone: 912-478-4051

More information about the institution is available through http://www.georgiasouthern.edu or
https://cosm.georgiasouthern.edu/chemistry/. The names of applicants and nominees, vitae, and
other non-evaluative information may be subject to public inspection under the Georgia Open
Records Act. Georgia Southern University provides equal employment opportunities to all
employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation,
gender identity or expression, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, political affiliation, or
disability. Individuals who need reasonable accommodations under the Americans with
Disabilities Act to participate in the search process should notify Human Resources at 912-478-6947.