Tenure-Track Assistant Professor—Search #67837
College of Science and Mathematics, Department of Physics & Astronomy

The Department of Physics & Astronomy in the College of Science and Mathematics invites applications and nominations for the position of tenure-track Assistant Professor. 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 Physics & Astronomy contributes significantly to the mission of the University through scholarly endeavors, engagement of students, and outreach to the community and the region. The mission of the Department is four-fold. First, the Department provides its majors with a strong basic undergraduate education in physics and astronomy that will serve them whether they pursue an advanced degree in physics/astronomy, a career in industry, or a career as a science educator; second, the Department provides excellent instruction on introductory physics and astronomy to non-majors; third Department faculty conduct original research in physics/astronomy that is recognized at regional, national and international levels; fourth, the Department fosters an interest in science in the community and the region.

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

Required Qualifications:
- Ph.D. in Physics, or a closely related field, by August 1, 2021.
• Evidence of successful teaching of physics.
• Excellent record in research with potential to involve both undergraduate and master’s students.
• Good command of written and spoken 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.
• Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution.

Preferred Qualifications:
• Post-doctoral experience.
• A record of securing external funding associated with a focused program of scholarship.
• A research field that can support the College’s strategic research area of Coastal Plain Sciences, Sustainability and Environmental Science.

Screening of applications begins January 4th, 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 Plans: Inclusive Excellence.

A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above, including a detailed list of start-up needs; a curriculum vitae, including a list of publications; and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least three professional references. In addition, 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/ Other documentation may be requested. Only complete applications submitted electronically will be considered. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation. Applications and nominations should be sent to:

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More information about the institution is available through http://www.georgiasouthern.edu or http://cosm.georgiasouthern.edu/physics/employment-opportunities/. 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.