Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Position in Chemistry at Bowdoin College

Bowdoin College’s Department of Chemistry invites applications for a tenure-track faculty appointment in chemical biology, biochemistry or neurochemistry at the assistant professor level, beginning July 1, 2023. A PhD in biochemistry, chemistry or a related field is expected by the date of appointment. We are interested in candidates able to teach introductory chemistry and biochemistry who bring expertise that connects with existing interdisciplinary programs at the college (such as biochemistry, neuroscience, digital and computational studies, or environmental studies), strengthen one or more of the interdisciplinary tracks through our major (e.g. the neurochemical track), or bring new knowledge and skills (e.g. a focus on bioinformatics).

The successful applicant will join a supportive chemistry department comprised of nine faculty members (including five women and two faculty of color), six laboratory instructors, an instrumentation specialist, and an departmental coordinator. The teaching load is three courses per year and will include responsibility for an intermediate course in the successful candidate’s area of expertise, with periodic offering of an intermediate level biochemistry course; an introductory chemistry course; and an advanced course related to the candidate’s research strengths or a non-majors science course. Full-time laboratory instructor support is provided for introductory and intermediate level courses.

Bowdoin requires its faculty to have a promise of long-term successful research and a strong commitment to inclusive excellence in their teaching. (For a description of inclusive excellence, please consult the following resource: Williams, et al., Toward a Model of Inclusive Excellence). The successful candidate must possess a strong commitment to undergraduate liberal arts education and demonstrate the potential to develop a funded, active, and productive research program that involves undergraduates.

The Bowdoin community warmly welcomes people of all backgrounds. We encourage applications from candidates committed to the instruction and support of a diverse student population and those who will enrich and contribute to the College’s multifaceted diversity. We especially encourage people from historically excluded groups to apply. We recognize that recruiting and retaining faculty may involve considerations of spouses and domestic partners. To that end, where possible, the College will attempt to accommodate and respond creatively to the needs of partners and spouses of members of the faculty.

Bowdoin College offers opportunities for professional development, a fully-funded, year-long junior sabbatical leave (after three years of teaching and successful reappointment), and regular, generously funded, post-tenure sabbaticals. Support for teaching, grant-writing, digital initiatives, computing software, and community partnerships in courses is readily available to all faculty. The college also offers robust programming and resources for establishing and enhancing mentoring networks.

Bowdoin College accepts only electronic submissions. Please visit https://careers.bowdoin.edu to submit: 1) a cover letter; 2) a curriculum vitae; 3) a description of your research plans that includes plans for securing funding and the involvement of undergraduate researchers; 4) a statement that describes your teaching interests and expertise as well as how your teaching philosophy, scholarship, and mentorship supports our commitment to equity and inclusion; and 5) the names and contact information for three references who have agreed to provide letters of recommendation.

Review of applications will begin September 26, 2022 and continue until the position is filled.

Founded in 1794 on the Maine coast, Bowdoin is one of the oldest and most selective coeducational, residential liberal arts colleges in the country. Located in Brunswick, a 30-minute drive north of Portland, the College is in an area rich with natural beauty and year-round outdoor activities. Bowdoin’s reputation rests on the excellence of its faculty and students, intimate size, strong sense of community, and commitment to diversity (40% students of color, 7% international students and approximately 17% first generation college students). Bowdoin College complies with applicable provisions of federal and state laws that prohibit unlawful discrimination in employment, admission, or access to its educational or extracurricular programs, activities, or facilities based on race, color, ethnicity, ancestry and national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, age, marital status, place of birth, genetic predisposition, veteran status, or against qualified individuals with physical or mental disabilities on the basis of disability, or any other legally protected statuses. For further information about the College and our department, please visit our website: http://www.bowdoin.edu.