

Position Announcement

The Department of Chemistry at Portland State University (chem.pdx.edu) invites applications for an open rank Organic Chemistry faculty position. The research programs in the Chemistry Department are built around the broad themes of biological, materials, and environmental chemistry. Applicants are sought that have research interests encompassing one of these areas.

The position is expected to begin in the fall term of 2011. The successful applicant (Ph.D./post-doctoral experience required) will be expected to establish an innovative and vigorous externally-funded research program and to demonstrate excellence in teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate (M.S./Ph.D.) level.

The Chemistry Department supports an ACS-accredited undergraduate program in chemistry and disciplinary M.A., M.S., and Ph.D. degree programs in Chemistry as well as an interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in Environmental Sciences and Resources/Chemistry. The Chemistry Department is in the midst of significant growth, part of a university-wide commitment to increase research capacity in the sciences and engineering; this has included new investments in faculty, programs, and infrastructure (e.g., the recently established Center for Electron Microscopy and Nanofabrication).

The State of Oregon has initiated three Signature Research Centers: Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute (ONAMI), Oregon Built Environment and Sustainable Technologies Center (BEST), and the Oregon Translational Research and Drug Development Institute (OTRADI). These centers serve to create regional opportunities for resources and collaborations, connecting Oregon's four public research universities (Portland State University, Oregon State University, the University of Oregon, and the Oregon Health Sciences University) with one another and with the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL, Richland, WA) and the high tech industries in the "Silicon Forest". Recently Oregon has become the region with the highest concentration of solar manufacturing in the U.S.

Portland State University is located in downtown Portland, the major urban center of Oregon. The University is centered on the tree-lined South Park Blocks, an extensive greenway through the center of town, and is surrounded by numerous cafes, pubs, and restaurants. PSU's Portland Business Accelerator is located near the south side of campus, part of an emerging biotechnology research cluster centered in the new South Waterfront Development. Adjacent to the University is the Portland cultural district, home to the Oregon Symphony, the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, the Portland Art Museum, and the Northwest Film Center. The variety of outdoor activities convenient to the city is unsurpassed. Hiking, mountain biking, skiing, windsurfing, and kayaking are popular outdoor activities accessible within minutes of Portland. The rugged Cascade and Coast mountain ranges provide hundreds of miles of trails.

Applicants should submit a current curriculum vita (including funding history), statements of future research plans and teaching experience, and should arrange to have three reference letters sent directly to the department. Application materials or inquiries may be submitted electronically to chemistry@pdx.edu or by mail to Faculty Search Committee, Department of Chemistry, Portland State University, Portland, OR 97207-0751. Review of applications will begin on August 1, 2010, and continue until finalists are identified. PSU is an AA/EO institution and, in keeping with the President's diversity initiative, welcomes applications from diverse candidates and candidates who support diversity.

The starting salary rate will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. A competitive compensation package is also offered with excellent benefits, including healthcare, reduced tuition rates, and a generous retirement and vacation package.