

POSITION:

Stetson University seeks applications for a nine-month appointment as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics, starting August 2012. This position is renewable for an additional academic year, contingent on performance. We invite applicants who wish to gain experience teaching in a high quality program that values a close collaborative relationship with students, under the mentorship of experienced senior faculty.

QUALIFICATIONS:

A Ph.D. in Physics (or a closely related field) is preferred, but applicants who are ABD could be considered at a visiting lecturer level. Applicants should demonstrate a strong desire to develop, or continue to develop, as an undergraduate teacher. Teaching experience beyond typical teaching assistantship duties in graduate school will be considered advantageous, but is not absolutely required.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Candidates can expect to teach an introductory level course with multiple lab sections and an advanced-level theory course in physics each semester. They will also have the opportunity to contribute to collaborative efforts to design curriculum and develop recruiting strategies for a proposed track in Applied Physics. Interested candidates may have the opportunity to supervise senior research projects. For more information on faculty expectations, please see the Academic Affairs website: <http://www.stetson.edu/academicaffairs/newfac.php>.

THE DEPARTMENT:

The Department of Physics (<http://www.stetson.edu/artsci/physics/>) offers an academically rigorous major in Physics and a related pre-engineering program. All physics majors are required to complete a laboratory-based senior research project. We have had considerable success placing students into high quality graduate programs in physics and engineering. Faculty in the department are committed to providing experiential scientific training in a traditional liberal arts environment in which the primary focus is extensive interaction with undergraduate students in small class size environment. Our facilities include state-of-the-art introductory-level equipment and advanced equipment such as an Atomic Force Microscope (AFM), Scanning Tunneling Microscope (STM), a UHV LEED system, a TV holography system, multiple optical tables, a small radio telescope, and multiple small optical telescopes.

THE UNIVERSITY:

Founded in 1883, Stetson University (<http://www.stetson.edu>) is a private, selective university comprised of a rich array of liberal arts and professional academic programs. Collectively, Stetson's faculty works with 3,500 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University's historic main campus, located in DeLand, enrolls more than 2,100 students in undergraduate programs in the College of Arts & Sciences, the School of Business Administration, and the School of Music. Stetson University College of Law, Florida's first law school, moved from the main campus to Gulfport in 1945, and, with the addition of the Tampa Law Center, serves over 1,000 students working full-time or part-time toward J.D. or LL.M. degrees. Graduate programs offered at the main campus and at Stetson University Center in Celebration include Business, Educational Leadership, Reading Education, and Counseling.

Florida's oldest private institution of higher learning, Stetson has regularly been ranked among the best regional universities in the Southeast and was the first private college in Florida to be granted a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Stetson University provides an inspiring education that engages students with rigorous academic and creative study grounded in liberal learning and promotes civic values of personal and social responsibility. Working closely with faculty and with one another, students cultivate abilities to explore issues deeply, think critically, reason empirically, speak persuasively, and connect ideas creatively. Firmly committed to inclusive excellence, our vibrant community of teacher-scholars nurtures the potential of individual students to lead lives of significance and prepares each to meet the challenges of shaping the future—locally, nationally, and globally.

THE COMMUNITY:

DeLand is a picturesque residential community of 25,000 located 20 miles west of Daytona Beach and 35 miles northeast of Orlando. The area offers extensive cultural as well as recreational activities.

SALARY:

Salary is competitive.

STARTING DATE:

August 2012

APPLICATION:

Applicants must submit the following materials for consideration: 1) a cover letter summarizing the candidate's interest in the position and qualifications, 2) a statement of the candidate's teaching philosophy, 3) a curriculum vitae, 4) copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts, and 5) three letters of recommendation sent under separate cover by the recommenders via e-mail or mail (at least one of which should include an evaluation of teaching ability). Applicants interested in mentoring senior research projects should include a statement of research interests and a description of how undergraduate students could participate.

Application materials may be submitted electronically to Ms. Laura Glander at physics@stetson.edu or mailed to the following address:

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Stetson University, an Equal Opportunity Employer, affirms the values and goals of diversity and strongly encourages the applications of all candidates, including women and candidates from historically under-represented groups.