POSITION: Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Stetson University seeks a full-time Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry. This is a nine-month, non-tenure-track faculty appointment, August 2016 to May 2017.

QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
A Ph.D. in any traditional area of chemistry with evidence of strong teaching skills is required. The Chemistry Program offers degrees in chemistry and biochemistry, and supports students interested in careers in the health sciences as well as those interested in attending graduate school. Primary teaching responsibilities will include general chemistry and/or organic chemistry lecture and lab, and may also include an advanced lecture and lab in the candidate’s area of specialization or a course that satisfies one of the University's General Education requirements. We are particularly interested in candidates who have experience working with students from diverse backgrounds and a demonstrated commitment to improving access to higher education for students from underrepresented groups. Stetson Visiting Assistant Professors usually teach four unit courses each semester. For this appointment, this would typically mean two lectures and four lab sections per semester. All majors in the College of Arts and Sciences complete a Senior Project; the successful candidate will have the opportunity to mentor undergraduates as researchers.

For more information on our expectations in teaching and scholarship, and our support for faculty development, please see the Office of the Provost and Academic Affairs website: http://www.stetson.edu/administration/provost/index.php

THE DEPARTMENT:
The Department of Chemistry (http://www.stetson.edu/arts/sci/chemistry/) at Stetson is accredited by the American Chemical Society (ACS), offers ACS Certified Degrees in Chemistry and Biochemistry, and currently consists of six faculty members. In 2009, the Chemistry and Environmental Science and Studies Programs occupied a newly-constructed 22,000 square-foot science facility, expanding classroom and laboratory capacity by over 50%. In addition, renovations of faculty/student research spaces in our former facility have recently been completed, supported by a National Science Foundation grant of $610,000. The new and renovated spaces are equipped with modern instrumentation purchased, in part, with a $2.75 million federal grant. In Spring 2012, the Chemistry Program installed a new, NSF funded, 400 MHz Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer.

THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:
Stetson's College of Arts and Sciences (http://www.stetson.edu/portal/artsci/) is the largest and most diverse of the University's colleges and schools; it includes the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, education, and creative arts. With nineteen academic departments and eight interdisciplinary programs, the College is the liberal arts core of the University. A great strength of the College is its faculty of approximately 140 full-time teacher-scholars. The College offers 31 undergraduate majors and 34 undergraduate minors; six graduate degrees are offered in Education, Counselor Education, and Creative Writing. Every undergraduate major requires a senior research project, allowing students the opportunity to design and carry out independent research under faculty mentorship. Our academic programs are shaped by the values of social justice and civic responsibility. All of our courses and programs of study promote engaged learning, whereby students create connections between the classroom or lab and the local, regional, and global community. The academic programs of the College of Arts and Sciences prepare students to live significant lives, to interact with and positively affect the world around them.

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 nearly 4000 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University's historic main campus, located in DeLand, enrolls more than 2,800 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 1954, and, with the addition of the Tampa Law Center, serves approximately 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, Accounting, Elementary Education – Education for Social Justice, Educational Leadership, Counseling, and Creative Writing. 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 15, 2016

APPLICATION:
For initial consideration, applicants should submit a cover letter, detailed curriculum vitae, brief statement of educational philosophy, copies of graduate transcripts, and three letters of recommendation. In the cover letter, candidates are encouraged to highlight skills and experiences that demonstrate a commitment to social justice, diversity, and inclusion. These materials may be submitted electronically to Dr. John York at jyork@stetson.edu or mailed to:

Dr. John York, Search Committee Chair
Department of Chemistry
Stetson University
421 N. Woodland Blvd. Unit 8271
DeLand, FL 32723

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

Stetson University is an Equal Opportunity Employer that affirms cultural diversity and inclusion as a core value of academic excellence at Stetson University. We are committed to achieving equal access in education, employment, and participation through the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, staff, and students from diverse backgrounds, and to meaningful academic and intellectual transformation in curriculum, research and service. We are dedicated to actions and policies that foster a community in which individuals with various identities, cultures, backgrounds, and viewpoints work together to create opportunities for engagement through rewarding and fulfilling careers and personal experiences in a culturally and racially diverse society and a globalized world. We strongly encourage members of historically under-represented and economically-disadvantaged groups and women to apply for employment. Stetson University is an EEO, ADA, ADEA, and GINA employer.