Position:

Stetson University seeks applications for a nine-month appointment as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics, starting August 15, 2013. This position is renewable for an additional academic year, contingent on performance.

QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

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. Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in Physics (or a closely related field) or expect to complete a Ph.D. before August 2013. Teaching experience beyond typical teaching assistantship duties in graduate school will be considered advantageous, but is not absolutely required. Candidates can expect to teach an introductory level course, multiple introductory lab sections, and an upper level course in physics each semester. They will also have the opportunity to contribute to collaborative efforts to design and teach courses in support of the pre-engineering program (Engineering Mechanics - Statics and Engineering Mechanics - Dynamics). Interested candidates may have the opportunity to supervise senior research projects. Additional information about the department can be found at http://stetson.edu/artsci/physics/.

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 a 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 teacher-scholar faculty works with 3,800 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University’s historic main campus, located in DeLand, enrolls more than 2,500 students in undergraduate programs in the College of Arts and 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, Counseling, and English. 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. Working closely with faculty, staff, and with one another, students cultivate abilities to explore issues deeply, think critically, reason empirically, speak persuasively, and connect ideas creatively. Stetson’s academic program prepares and inspires students to dare to be significant™, realizing 21st century learning goals that will foster their ability and commitment to make a difference in the world. We seek faculty who themselves dare to be significant; think across disciplinary, methodological, and social boundaries; exercise pedagogical creativity and adaptability (including the use of technology to enrich and extend learning); and are passionate lifelong learners.

Stetson values the development of the whole person committed to engaging and building lifelong connections with the larger world through Personal Growth, Intellectual Development, and Global Citizenship. To that end, the University fosters policies, practices, and modes of inquiry to support and explore these values areas, integrated in a University-wide commitment to personal and social responsibility. 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, 2013

APPLICATIONS:

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) two 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 are encouraged to highlight skills and experiences that demonstrate a commitment to social justice, diversity and inclusion. Stetson University encourages applications from members of underrepresented groups in physics.

Application materials may be submitted electronically to Dr. Kevin Riggs, chair of the search committee, at physics@stetson.edu or mailed to the following address:

Dr. Kevin Riggs  
Chair, faculty search committee  
Department of Physics  
Stetson University  
421 N. Woodland Blvd., Unit 8267  
DeLand, FL 32723
Applicants will be considered on an ongoing basis 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.