POSITION: Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology

Stetson University seeks a Visiting Assistant Professor with expertise in teaching Introductory Biology and Genetics. This is a full-time, non-tenure-track position.

QUALIFICATIONS:
A Ph.D. in biology or a related field with evidence of strong teaching skills; interest in innovative teaching techniques is advantageous.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
The teaching load will be two lecture sections and two laboratory sections each semester. The new colleague will be expected to teach Introductory Biology I and Genetics, both of which include laboratory sections. Introductory Biology I covers topics such as cells, cellular respiration, photosynthesis, DNA and gene expression, etc.

THE DEPARTMENT:
The Biology Department is one of the largest academic programs on campus (http://www.stetson.edu/other/academics/programs/biology.php) and consists of ten faculty members with areas of expertise in molecular biology and ecology, microbiology, neurobiology, developmental biology, evolutionary biology, and aquatic and terrestrial organismal ecology. We emphasize small classes, investigative research in and out of the classroom, and service-learning/community based research. Capstone senior research projects for all Biology majors represent collaborative research between students and faculty and some of these projects result in presentations at regional or national meetings and/or publications with student co-authors. For examples of collaborative research with students across the university see “Stetson Showcase” at http://www.stetson.edu/other/research/showcase.php.

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 1945, 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, Educational Leadership, Elementary Education – Education for Social Justice, 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 15, 2015

APPLICATION:
Applicants must send the following materials for consideration: 1) a cover letter that includes the candidate’s philosophy of teaching in a liberal arts university; 2) a curriculum vitae; and 3) three letters of recommendation, at least one of which should include an evaluation of teaching ability. Candidates are encouraged to highlight skills and experiences that demonstrate a commitment to social justice, diversity and inclusion. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Application materials may be submitted electronically to Dr. Kirsten Work at biologydept@stetson.edu or mailed to the following address:

Dr. Kirsten Work, Search Committee Chair
Department of Biology
Stetson University
421 N. Woodland Blvd., Unit 8264
DeLand, FL 32723

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.