POSITION: Assistant Professor of Practice in Computer Science

The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science invites applications for an Assistant Professor of Practice position in Computer Science. The position is a two-year contract with the possibility of further renewal. Applicants should be broadly trained in computer science with a passion for teaching in a setting of liberal arts and professional education. The successful applicant should be highly engaged and innovative in the classroom, willing to work closely with students both in and out of class, and have a strong commitment to all aspects of diversity in our learning-centered community. Applicants should be capable of and willing to mentor senior research students and provide academic advising.

QUALIFICATIONS:
A Master's degree in Computer Science or related field is required, with industry or teaching experience beyond typical TA responsibilities strongly preferred. Extensive experience in software development in multiple languages as well as experience leading software development teams is particularly valued. Candidates must have strong communication skills with a demonstrable ability to articulate complex topics effectively to undergraduate students at all levels. Candidates should also demonstrate an interest and ability to engage undergraduate students in research.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
The teaching load is seven courses per year (three in one semester and four in the other). The successful candidate should be able to teach any of the courses in the introductory sequence as well as a variety of upper-division courses based on the candidate’s expertise, and may include offerings for the University's requirements in General Education, including First Year Seminars and Junior Seminars. All majors in the College of Arts and Sciences complete a year-long Senior Research Project. Advising and mentoring senior research students will comprise a significant part of the successful candidate’s responsibilities. We are also interested in candidates who have experience working with students or employees from diverse backgrounds and a demonstrated commitment to improving access to higher education for students from underrepresented groups. Other responsibilities include student academic advising and departmental service.

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/provost.

THE DEPARTMENT:
The Department of Mathematics and Computer Science (http://www2.stetson.edu/mathcs) offers undergraduate degrees in Computer Science, Computer Information Systems, and Cybersecurity, and collaborates with the Creative Arts Department to offer a Digital Arts major. The Department integrates software engineering into a rigorous, research-oriented undergraduate program. This combination prepares students for either graduate study in Computer Science or a career in the software development industry.

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, giving 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 4,000 students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. The University’s historic main campus, located in DeLand, enrolls more than 3,000 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, 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 32,000 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 10, 2020

APPLICATION:
Applicants must send 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 philosophy of teaching in a liberal arts university as well as a representative sample of teaching evaluations; 3) a curriculum vitae; 4) undergraduate and graduate transcripts (copies are acceptable for screening); 5) three letters of recommendation e-mailed separately by the recommenders via e-mail (at least one of which should include an evaluation of teaching ability); and 6) samples of scholarly work or repositories of developed projects. 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.

Priority consideration is given to applicants applying before November 1, 2019. Application materials may be submitted electronically to the search committee at cssearch@stetson.edu.

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.