

POSITION DESCRIPTION

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY

2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

Responsibilities

The Lafayette College Department of Chemistry is searching for a Visiting Assistant Professor (non-tenure-track) for the 2022-2023 academic year. The specific teaching assignments will focus on introductory (general) chemistry, with possible other courses depending on the candidate's specific expertise, prior teaching experience and departmental needs.

The teaching load for visiting assistant professors at Lafayette College is three lecture courses each semester; two three-hour laboratory sections are equivalent to a lecture course. While not a requirement, opportunities and support are available for the successful candidate to mentor students on research projects.

Candidates with a Ph.D. degree are strongly preferred, although highly-qualified and experienced candidates nearing completion of the doctoral degree (ABD) will receive consideration. Prior teaching experience is preferred.

The Department of Chemistry at Lafayette College

The Lafayette College Department of Chemistry offers Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts majors in both Chemistry and Biochemistry, and students completing the B.S. Chemistry program are certified by the American Chemical Society. There are no graduate programs at Lafayette College, and the education of undergraduate students is our primary concern.

The Departments of Chemistry and Physics occupy Hugel Science Center. This building houses lecture halls and classrooms for chemistry and physics, seminar rooms, laboratories for teaching general, analytical, biochemistry, organic, physical and inorganic chemistry, numerous instrument rooms, offices, chemical storage areas, and research laboratories. Most permanent faculty members supervise a research laboratory for collaborative faculty/student research. All departmental instrumentation and equipment is available for use by properly-trained students, and is shared among the faculty.

Support is available through the department secretary, a departmental technician, as well as information technology, electronics and machine technicians. Our stockrooms are supervised by a technician who aids in preparing reagents and equipment for course laboratories, maintains an inventory of chemicals and supplies, and coordinates chemical waste disposal. Our staff includes Instrumentation/Laboratory Specialists, whose duties include teaching some laboratories, supporting faculty in the setup, operation and performance testing of instruments, training students in the proper use of instrumentation, assisting faculty with the testing and implementation of new laboratory experiments, and working with faculty in the application of research and teaching instrumentation.

Chemistry Faculty and Administrative Staff

The Department of Chemistry is staffed with nine full-time tenure-track faculty positions, one long-term visiting faculty member and four administrative staff positions that include laboratory teaching among their responsibilities. All faculty and three administrative staff members hold the Ph.D. degree, and include faculty with a range of expertise that spans the chemical subdivisions. In the 2021/2022 academic year, five of the faculty positions will be held by tenured faculty members, with four tenure-track assistant professors. The full-time administrative positions in the department include an Instrumentation/Laboratory Specialist, a General Chemistry Laboratory Coordinator, and an Organic Chemistry Laboratory Coordinator. Another Instrumentation/Laboratory Specialist has a half-time appointment in the department.

Benefit Programs

Lafayette College offers a competitive benefit program for employees, and those policies and programs are described in detail in the [Faculty Handbook](#) and in the [Department of Human Resources Benefits web page](#). In addition, [College-owned rental properties](#) are leased to new employees on an as-available basis, and the [Lafayette College Early Learning Center](#) is located on campus.

Additional Information about the Department of Chemistry

More detailed information about departmental major programs, courses, faculty, staff, instrumentation and facilities is available on the departmental web page at <http://chemistry.lafayette.edu/>, and information about Lafayette College can be found at <http://www.lafayette.edu>.

Application Information

Applicants should provide a cover letter, *curriculum vitae*, statement of teaching expertise/philosophy (1-2 pages), a statement of how they will contribute to diversity and inclusion in the department (1-2 pages), and three letters of recommendation submitted by three evaluators. Also, in their cover letter applicants should address how their scholarship, teaching, mentoring, and/or community service would support Lafayette College's commitment to diversity and inclusion articulated in the College's diversity statement (<https://provost.lafayette.edu/policies-and-procedures/diversity-and-inclusiveness-statement/>). Application materials should be uploaded at apply.interfolio.com/100944. For full consideration, the application packet should be complete by February 28, 2022. Prospective applicants with inquiries about the position can contact Chip Nataro, Marshall R. Metzgar Professor of Chemistry and Head of Chemistry (nataroc@lafayette.edu; 610-330-5216).