

Organic Chemistry Faculty Position

Applications are invited for a tenure-track assistant professor position in the broad area of organic chemistry, to start August 14, 2023. This is a standard nine-month faculty appointment. This position is in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas, a Carnegie R1 (Very High Research Activity) campus with an enrollment of approximately 31,000. The successful candidate will be expected to establish a nationally recognized research program and to teach organic chemistry effectively at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

The University of Arkansas is making significant research investment in the broadly defined areas of metabolism, neuroscience, materials, food systems, and data science. A \$194.7 million grant has created the Institute for Integrative and Innovative Research (I³R): (<https://www.uark.edu/research/i3r/index.php>). Applicants with research interests in these five areas would be candidates for I³R support. A grant from NIH has recently established the Arkansas Integrative Metabolic Research Center and applicants in this area would also be eligible for support in this center. The University of Arkansas is committed to supporting faculty interested in technology commercialization via mentoring and access to programmatic funding and is a current holder of an NSF ADVANCE Award.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Ph.D. or equivalent degree in organic chemistry, or a related area, conferred by the time of appointment.
- Relevant postdoctoral experience.

Completed applications received by January 2, 2023 will be assured full consideration. Late applications will be reviewed as necessary to fill the position. For additional inquiries, please contact the search committee chair, Wesley Stites, at wstites@uark.edu.

For consideration, applicants must submit a cover letter, a curriculum vita, a statement of proposed research (one page summary and no more than nine additional pages), a statement of teaching interests and philosophy (one-page limit), and a diversity statement articulating demonstrated commitments and capacities to contribute to diversity, equity, and inclusion through research, teaching, mentoring, and/or outreach and engagement. The purpose of this statement is to help the department identify candidates who have professional experience, intellectual commitments, and/or willingness to engage in activities that could help the department contribute to its mission in these areas (one-page limit). A list of at least three professional references willing to provide letters of recommendation must be provided with contact information. As a follow-up step to the submission of initial materials, candidates will receive an email prompt to supply the contact information of their referees. Referees will then have the option to upload letters of recommendation directly into the application portal. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry is part of the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas. Enrollment at the University in Fall 2022 was 30,936. The Department has approximately 26 tenured or tenure track faculty, 6 hard-funded full-time non-tenure track instructional faculty, 6 hard-funded full-time administrative staff, 3 hard-funded full-time scientific staff, 4-8 soft-funded instructors and scientific staff, several research-active emeritus faculty, and is home to the Arkansas State-Wide Mass Spectrometry Facility and its 2 additional hard-funded scientific staff.

The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry is housed in the historic Chemistry Building with additional research laboratories in the Chemistry and Biochemistry Research Building and teaching laboratories in Discovery Hall. The three buildings comprise 468 rooms and 166,003 gross square feet. Department has typically over 400 majors enrolled and taught 24,177 SSCH in 2021-22, approximately 3.1% of all SSCH production or one out of every 31.7 credit hours taught by the entire University of Arkansas. The Department has on average attracted about 4-5% of all externally funded research dollars at the University. For more information, please visit chemistry.uark.edu.

The University of Arkansas is a recipient of the NSF ADVANCE Award (2021-2024). The University of Arkansas Empowering Network Groups for Arkansas Gender Equity (ENGAGE) program promotes institutional change for intersectional and gender equity in STEM departments and across campus. The UofA ENGAGE program identifies, analyzes, and addresses institutional inequities while cultivating faculty equity and success by eradicating institutional barriers and harnessing institutional resources and mentoring networks.

Salary Information:

Commensurate with education and experience

Required Documents to Apply:

Cover Letter/Letter of Application, Curriculum Vitae, Diversity Statement, List of three Professional References (name, email, business title), Statement of Research Philosophy, Statement of Teaching Philosophy

Optional Documents:

Proof of Veteran Status

Recruitment Contact Information:

Wesley Stites, Search Committee Chair, wstites@uark.edu.

All application materials must be uploaded to the University of Arkansas System Career Site https://uasys.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/UASYS/job/Assistant-Professor--Organic-Chemistry_R0025558

Special Instructions to Applicants:

Pre-employment Screening Requirements:

Criminal Background Check, Sex Offender Registry

The University of Arkansas is committed to providing a safe campus community. We conduct background checks for applicants being considered for employment. Background checks include a criminal background check and a sex offender registry check. For certain positions, there may

also be a financial (credit) background check, a Motor Vehicle Registry (MVR) check, and/or drug screening. Required checks are identified in the position listing. A criminal conviction or arrest pending adjudication or adverse financial history information alone shall not disqualify an applicant in the absence of a relationship to the requirements of the position. Background check information will be used in a confidential, non-discriminatory manner consistent with state and federal law.

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

Founded in 1871, the University of Arkansas is a land grant institution, classified by the Carnegie Foundation among the nation's top 2 percent of universities with the highest level of research activity. The University of Arkansas works to advance Arkansas and build a better world through education, research and outreach by providing transformational opportunities and skills, promoting an inclusive and diverse culture and climate, and nurturing creativity, discovery and the spread of new ideas and innovations.

The University of Arkansas campus is located in Fayetteville. The growing region surrounding Fayetteville is home to numerous Fortune 500 companies and one of the nation's strongest economies. Northwest Arkansas, with a metropolitan population of about 560,000, is also quickly gaining a national reputation for its focus on the arts and overall quality of life.

Northwest Arkansas and Fayetteville consistently appears in top-ten lists of best places to live, including US News & World Report for the past seven years straight. Fayetteville offers something for everyone; excellent access to the outdoors, fine cuisine from around the world, and a vibrant arts and entertainment scene.

As an employer, the University of Arkansas offers a vibrant work environment and a workplace culture that promotes a healthy work-life balance. The benefits package includes university contributions to health, dental, life and disability insurance, tuition waivers for employees and their families, 12 official holidays, immediate leave accrual, and a choice of retirement programs with university contributions ranging from 5 to 10% of employee salary.

The University of Arkansas seeks to attract, develop and retain high quality faculty, staff and administrators that consistently display practices and behaviors to advance a culture and climate that embeds inclusion, diversity, equity, and access. For more information on diversity and inclusion on campus, please visit: [Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#)

If you have a disability and need assistance with the hiring process, please submit a request via the [Disability Accommodations | OEOC | University of Arkansas \(uark.edu\)](#) : Request an Accommodation. Applicants are required to submit a request for each position of which they have applied.

For general application assistance or if you have questions about a job posting, please contact Human Resources at 479.575.5351.

The University of Arkansas is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution. The university welcomes applications without regard to race/color, sex, gender, pregnancy, age, national origin, disability, religion, marital or parental status, protected veteran or military status, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law.

Persons must have proof of legal authority to work in the United States on the first day of employment. All applicant information is subject to public disclosure under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.