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Assistant Professor of Biology

POSITION SUMMARY

The Department of Biology at Mercyhurst University invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track faculty position in Biology at the level of Assistant Professor to begin August 2025. The department seeks a passionate educator who works effectively with others in a collegial environment and is dedicated to student learning.

The ideal candidate will be prepared to instruct a wide range of undergraduate courses in biology for both science and non-science majors at the introductory and upper level. Preference will be given to individuals with expertise and teaching experience in ecology, environmental science, and/or organismal biology.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Candidates could develop specialty courses in their areas of expertise, which may include, but are not limited to, aquatic biology, ecotoxicology, parasitology, restoration ecology, and/or wildlife/fisheries management.

In addition to pursuing teaching excellence, faculty are expected to engage in scholarly research, particularly involving undergraduate students, and participate in academic advising and service to the department, school, and university. Strong consideration will be given to candidates whose scholarly interests complement those of the existing faculty and preference given to candidates with demonstrated success in securing extramural funding to support scholarly endeavors. Research equipment available for candidates include an Applied Biosystems Real-time PCR, LI-COR Odyssey, LI-COR LI6400 Portable Photosynthesis System, epifluorescent microscope, plant tissue culture facility, green house, and a range of ecological field equipment. The university is located near to numerous protected natural areas including Presque Isle State Park, Asbury Woods, and Lake Erie that are ideal for field research.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Candidates should have a Ph.D. in the biological sciences or a related field (ABD candidates are encouraged to apply), and a strong commitment to teaching and maintaining an active research program involving undergraduates.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are asked to submit a single PDF containing a letter of interest, current curriculum vitae (CV), statement of teaching philosophy, research statement, and arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent to:

Human Resources
Mercyhurst University
501 East 38th Street Erie,
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HRinfor@mercyhurst.edu

Pending final budgetary approval, review of applications will begin November 15, 2024, and continue until the position is filled.

Mercyhurst University values diversity and is committed to the goal of achieving equal opportunity for all. For that reason, Mercyhurst abides by federal, state, and local law in admissions, employment, and all services and programs provided.

Mercyhurst does not unlawfully discriminate based on race, color, religion, creed, sex, citizenship status, ancestry, national or ethnic origin, age, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental disability, military or veteran status, or any other legally protected characteristic or because of any individual's legally protected activities.

Mercyhurst complies with federal, state, and local legislation and regulations regarding nondiscrimination. This policy applies to faculty, administration and staff, applicants for employment, students and applicants for educational programs and activities.

Candidates must be currently eligible to work in the United States.