



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Position Title: Visiting Faculty in Chemistry/Biochemistry

Summary: The Chemistry Department at Grand Valley State University has openings for Visiting Faculty to teach lectures and labs in general chemistry as well as organic or biochemistry. The position is full-time for one academic year (mid-August 2024 through the end of April 2025). Visiting faculty positions may be extended for two additional one-year appointments depending on departmental needs and faculty performance. We are particularly interested in receiving applications from candidates from underrepresented groups, and from candidates who have interest and/or experience in working with diverse student and community populations.

Required Qualifications and Education:

- Masters degree in Chemistry, Biochemistry, or a related discipline
- Commitment to excellence in undergraduate teaching
- Ability to work in a collaborative environment with a diverse population of colleagues and students
- Experience in, demonstrated understanding of, or interest in social justice education and/or initiatives, and/or inclusion, diversity, and/or intercultural training
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, such as the ability to interact with others with respect and empathy

Preferred Qualifications and Education:

- Ph.D in Chemistry, Biochemistry, or a related discipline
- Ability to teach lectures in labs in organic or biochemistry
- Experience in teaching lectures and labs at the college level is especially desirable
- Demonstrated use of student-centered teaching methods

Responsibilities: Responsibilities of visiting faculty include teaching lectures, discussions, and labs for courses assigned based on department needs and the candidate's qualifications. A typical teaching load is 12-15 contact hours per week in lecture, discussion, and lab settings. Mentoring by our experienced tenure-track faculty is provided.

Salary/Benefits: The salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. The university offers an excellent comprehensive package that includes health/vision/dental plans, life insurance, retirement, sick/leave disability, tuition waiver, adoption resources, wellness coaching, and free access to campus fitness facilities. Family and child care options on and off-campus are also available. For a detailed description of benefits, please visit [Visiting Faculty Benefits - Benefits and Wellness - Grand Valley State University \(gvsu.edu\)](https://www.gvsu.edu/visiting-faculty-benefits).

Department/College: The GVSU Department of Chemistry is committed to high-quality undergraduate education, offering Bachelor's degrees in Chemistry and Biochemistry as well as a concentration in Chemistry Education and a Green Chemistry Certificate. We currently have over 40 full-

time faculty and staff and serve over 200 chemistry and biochemistry majors along with students from several other science majors. We strive to contribute to a chemically literate society through teaching (with classrooms, labs, and research), scholarship, and service.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) is the largest college at Grand Valley, offering over 50 bachelor degrees and a growing number of advanced degrees in the natural and mathematical sciences, the fine arts and humanities, and the social sciences. CLAS is a student-centered and diverse learning community that engages in critical inquiry, extending knowledge to enrich and enliven individual and public life. Our faculty are active teacher-scholars committed to equitable, inclusive, career-connected, and community-engaged liberal arts and sciences education. There are many opportunities for collaboration within CLAS and across a broad group of partners on and off campus. We are interested in attracting new faculty committed to these core values as we seek to foster a community where members from all backgrounds can live, learn, and thrive together.

Campus/University: Grand Valley University (GVSU) is a public comprehensive institution located in West Michigan with campuses in Allendale, downtown Grand Rapids, and Holland, plus centers in Detroit, Muskegon, and Traverse City. The University attracts more than 23,000 undergraduate and graduate students with high-quality programs and state-of-the-art facilities, and has been nationally recognized for innovativeness and its contribution to students' social mobility. The greater Grand Rapids metropolitan area has a population of around one million people, is affordable, and offers rich cultural amenities. Grand Valley is located within easy driving distance of Chicago, Detroit, Lake Michigan beaches, and many other superb summer and winter recreational venues. Information can be found at [Community Resources - Human Resources - Grand Valley State University \(gvsu.edu\)](http://CommunityResources-HumanResources-GrandValleyStateUniversity.gvsu.edu). Grand Valley is highly rated for safety, sustainability, and veteran and LGBTQ friendliness, and is committed to supporting employees and their families in work-life balance.

How to Apply:

Applications should be sent to Christopher Lawrence (Associate Chair for Scheduling and Staffing) by e-mail (lawrechi@gvsu.edu). Complete applications must include (please attach as *Word* (.doc) or *Adobe* (.pdf) documents):

- A cover letter addressing qualifications and your motivation to teach at GVSU
- A *Curriculum Vitae*
- A statement of teaching philosophy which includes a commitment to inclusive excellence and a summary of ongoing or anticipated activities to promote diversity, inclusion, and equity in your teaching
- Graduate transcripts (unofficial issued to students are acceptable to apply)

Applicants must also arrange for two letters of recommendation to be sent separately by e-mail to lawrechi@gvsu.edu or by mail to Visitor Search Committee, Chemistry Department, 312 Padnos Hall, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI 49401.

Grand Valley State University has a diverse student body, and we encourage applications from individuals with a commitment to mentoring students from underrepresented demographics in the sciences.

Applicants selected for visiting position offers will be required to submit official transcripts. If you need assistance, call Human Resources at 616-331-2215. Email questions about the position to: Dr. Christopher Lawrence (lawrechi@gvsu.edu).

Application Deadline: The review process will begin on March 20, 2024, and continue until the positions are filled. The posting may be closed at any time at the discretion of the University.

For More Information: See our department website at www.gvsu.edu/chem/

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For more information about Grand Valley, see our website at www.gvsu.edu

Grand Valley State University is an EOE which includes protected veterans and individuals with disabilities.

See <http://www.gvsu.edu/affirmative/>. TDD Callers: Call Michigan Relay Center at 711 (in State) or 1-800-833-7833 (out of State)