Position Responsibilities

Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota invites candidates to apply for a three-year term Assistant Professor faculty position in the department of Biology that will start in August of 2022. This individual will be expected to contribute to the teaching mission of the university, including teaching undergraduate biology courses and labs such as upper division Human Anatomy and Physiology courses as well as General Biology; student advising, service on departmental committees; and engage in research appropriate for undergraduates. At Saint Mary’s the standard teaching load is 22-24 credit hours per contract year, and this individual will be expected to teach this load. As per need of the department, the applicant may potentially teach a course in the applicant’s discipline.

This position is ideal for candidates who wish to build their teaching portfolio while joining a team of high-quality faculty instructors. Support through peer-faculty mentoring and the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching is available to assist the applicant in furthering their professional growth and goals.

Essential Skills and Abilities

Applicants must hold or expect to receive a Ph.D. or terminal degree of Physiology or Anatomy related program by August 17, 2022. Experience or evidence of potential for excellence in teaching undergraduate biology is required. Preference will be given to applicants who are able to develop and teach Anatomy and Physiology courses and have a broad Biology background to be capable of teaching in our General Biology series. The candidate will be expected to actively mentor students in research that culminates in a student thesis. Candidates should be able to support the Lasallian Catholic mission of the University to awaken, nurture, and empower learners to ethical lives of service and leadership. The Biology Department at Saint Mary’s provides students a hands-on learning environment that empowers students to chart their own path to a career. All majors in the biology department conduct their own, authentic, ethical, independent research projects. Our faculty are experts in both biological research and undergraduate instruction so students receive high-quality teaching, direct interaction with instructors and quality research mentorship. Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota believes a broadly diverse professoriate contributes to a robust academic environment and is critical to achieving the University’s mission in an increasingly diverse society. Individuals whose work history includes experience with an array of diverse perspectives, as well as a wide variety of different educational, research or other work activities, are especially encouraged to apply, as well as those experienced in overcoming or helping others overcome barriers to an academic career or degrees.
Education and Experience

The successful candidate will have the following credentials and experience:

- A doctoral or terminal degree in a Physiology or Anatomy related discipline.
- Experience or evidence of potential for excellence in teaching undergraduate biology.
- Active engagement in physiological research amenable toward mentoring undergraduates for their senior thesis project.

Please submit through the Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota Current Openings Listing website the following documents: (1) letter of application (cover letter), (2) curriculum vitae, (3) three letters of reference (sent to lroberts@smumn.edu), (4) written statement of teaching philosophy, and (5) written statement of research interests.

Inquiries about the position should be directed to: Dr. Matt Rowley, Search Committee Chair, mrowley@smumn.edu. Review of completed applications will start January 10, 2021.

All offers of employment are contingent upon the successful completion of a criminal background check.