The Department of Biology in the Swenson College of Science and Engineering at the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the area of molecular biology, cell biology, or animal physiology that will begin on August 22, 2022. This is a full time, 9 month position. The successful candidate will have teaching responsibilities in our core lecture and laboratory courses in either Molecular Biology or Human Anatomy/Physiology and will develop at least one advanced course that will contribute to our Genetics, Cell, and Development B.S. and our Human Biology B.A. degree electives. The area of research specialization for this position is open, but we expect the research emphasis of the successful candidate will be in either cell/molecular biology or animal physiology. Applications from candidates with research expertise in study systems ranging from viruses to vertebrates will be equally considered. The successful candidate will establish an independent, externally funded research program which includes mentorship of undergraduates and M.S. and Ph.D. graduate students, while supporting diversity, inclusion, and a commitment to justice. Service to the Department, College, and University is also expected. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in an area applicable to cell biology, molecular biology, animal physiology, or a related field by July 1, 2022, and postdoctoral experience is preferred. Please see https://z.umn.edu/scsecareers for more information.

The Biology Department is committed to creating an inclusive and equitable working environment. Since 2014, the Biology Department has significantly increased its proportion of women-identifying faculty and we continue to encourage applications from members of groups traditionally underrepresented in the sciences. The Department of Biology at UMD includes all fields of biology, and we offer four undergraduate biology majors serving >600 students. Faculty members advise graduate students in the Integrated BioSciences Graduate Program and the Water Resources Science Program, and are eligible for appointments in other graduate programs in the University of Minnesota system. State-of-the-art research and instructional facilities and competitive startup funding are available. Opportunities exist for collaboration with faculty at the UMN’s College of Pharmacy and the School of Medicine at UMD, as well as scientists at the Natural Resources Research Institute, the Large Lakes Observatory, and the EPA Mid-Continent Ecology Division Laboratory.

We are especially interested in recruiting and retaining a diverse faculty to maintain the excellence of the University, and to offer students richly varied disciplines, perspectives and ways of knowing and learning. The University of Minnesota Duluth values of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion are essential to achieving excellence. We strongly encourage women, Indigenous, LGBTQIA+, Black, Latinx, Asian American, Hawaiian/Island Pacific, mixed race, and disabled scholars to apply. We favor candidates who can contribute to the College’s distinctive educational objectives, which promote interdisciplinary perspectives and intercultural understanding with social responsibility and the ethical implications of knowledge and action.

We recognize that excellence in teaching and research form the basis for any successful candidate. To that end, we are implementing an anonymized search process. See https://z.umn.edu/scsecareers for a description of the application steps. Applications must include four documents: an anonymized research
and teaching statement; a statement that demonstrates a commitment to justice, equity, inclusion, and a diverse student population; a curriculum vita; and a list of four professional references. Please direct questions about this position to Dr. Briana Gross (biosearch2022@d.umn.edu). Review of complete applications will start October 27, 2021, and continue until the position is filled.

The University of Minnesota Duluth campus is part of the University of Minnesota public university system and is the second largest research university within the U of M system. UMD is a comprehensive university of about 11,000 students located along the shores of Lake Superior. Duluth is the largest city in northern Minnesota and part of the Twin Ports metropolitan area (Duluth, MN and Superior, WI). The Twin Ports area hosts four colleges and universities, two major hospitals, many retail and manufacturing companies, and the largest commercial port on the Great Lakes. Duluth has vibrant music, theatre, and arts scenes, and a steadily increasing number of craft breweries and award-winning restaurants. Duluth offers affordable housing, an absence of appreciable traffic, and mixes its historic feel with a dynamic urban economy and many cultural offerings. Named by Outdoor Magazine as one of America’s Best Outdoors Towns, Duluth provides access to hundreds of miles of biking, hiking, and skiing trails and abundant opportunities for fishing, kayaking, and sailing.

UMD is committed to supporting our colleagues. The University of Minnesota has a robust policy with respect to opportunity hires for partners. Parental leaves and on-campus child care are available. The Swenson College has a mentoring program to facilitate professional success. Swenson College Howard Higholt Professorships are also available to support outstanding tenure-track faculty who are committed to creating a more inclusive and equitable institution.