

Position Announcement

The Department of Chemistry at Portland State University (chem.pdx.edu) invites applications for an open rank faculty position in Inorganic Chemistry to begin September 2008. The successful applicant (Ph.D./post-doctoral experience required) will be expected to continue development of an established and innovative sponsored research program and to demonstrate excellence in teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate (M.S./Ph.D.) level.

The research programs in the Chemistry Department are built around the broad themes of biological, materials, and environmental chemistry, and we are especially interested in candidates with established programs at the interface between inorganic chemistry and materials chemistry or nanotechnology. Further, it is anticipated that the person filling this position will contribute substantively to the upper division and graduate level inorganic chemistry curriculum, and therefore should have research and teaching experience suitable to this role.

The Chemistry Department is in the midst of a major rebuilding, part of a university-wide commitment to increase the research capacity in the sciences and engineering. This has included new investments in faculty, programs, and infrastructure. The University currently supports a number of interdisciplinary Ph.D. programs, and recently established a Center for Electron Microscopy and Nanofabrication. Further information about the university, the department, and its graduate programs are available at <http://chem.pdx.edu>.

In addition to opportunities for interactions within the university, many collaborations exist (and are possible) within the region and the metropolitan area. Collaborations with faculty from the OGI School of Science and Engineering and the School of Medicine at the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) are encouraged. The Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute (ONAMI) is a regional source of collaborative opportunities that connects Oregon's three public research universities - Oregon State University, Portland State University, and the University of Oregon, as well as the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (Richland, WA), the state of Oregon, selected researchers from OGI and OHSU, and the world-leading "Silicon Forest" high technology industry cluster of Oregon and southwest Washington. PSU is the lead institution for the nanometrology and nanoelectronics initiative within ONAMI.

Portland State University is located in downtown Portland, the major urban center of Oregon. The University is centered on the tree-lined South Park Blocks, an extensive greenway through the center of town, surrounded by numerous cafes, pubs, and restaurants. PSU's Portland Business Accelerator is located near the south side of campus, part of an emerging biotechnology research cluster centered in the new South Waterfront Development. Adjacent to the University is the Portland cultural district, home to the Portland Symphony, the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, the Portland Art Museum, and the Northwest Film Center. The variety of outdoor activities convenient to the city is unsurpassed. Hiking, mountain biking, skiing, windsurfing, and kayaking are popular outdoor activities accessible within minutes of Portland. The rugged Cascade and Coast mountain ranges provide hundreds of miles of trails.

For junior-level candidates, minimum requirements include a Ph.D. and postdoctoral experience, and submission of current curriculum vitae, a description of research plans or a current research proposal, and arranging for three letters of reference to be mailed to the address below. For senior-level appointments, please mail current curriculum vitae, a description of the ongoing research program, funding history, and future plans. Applications should be submitted to the chair of the search committee, Professor Carl C. Wamser (chemistry@pdx.edu) at the address below: Inorganic Search Committee, Department of Chemistry, Portland State University, P.O. Box 751, Portland, OR 97207-0751. Review of applications will begin on September 15, 2007, and continue until finalists are identified. *PSU is an AA/EO institution and, in keeping with the President's diversity initiative, welcomes applications from diverse candidates and candidates who support diversity.*