Hugh Johnston Endowed Professorship in Chemistry
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Chemistry
Full-time Tenure Track
Start Date: Fall 2017

Application review will begin immediately. The position remains open and applications reviewed until filled.

About Whitworth University
Founded in 1890, Whitworth has been consistently ranked among the top regional colleges and universities in the West. Whitworth combines a strong liberal arts perspective, the Christian heritage of the University, its commitment to academic rigor, and its long-standing orientation toward human service. A community of Christian scholars carries out the university’s mission “to provide its diverse student body an education of the mind and heart.”

The Position: Hugh Johnston Endowed Professorship in Chemistry
The Chemistry Department at Whitworth University invites applications for an endowed tenure-track position in chemistry at the rank of Associate or Full Professor. Applicants in all sub-disciplines of chemistry are welcome to apply. Candidates must demonstrate a strong commitment to teaching excellence and the ability to establish a robust research program which is competitive for external funding and involves undergraduate research assistants.

The Chemistry department provides a stimulating environment in which students can use the latest technology in course and lab work, and also have opportunities for advanced research in collaboration with faculty. The department provides access to modern instrumentation including a multinuclear 400 MHz NMR, GC/MS, DSC, two HPLC systems, a fluorimeter, several UV-Vis and IR spectrometers, and various other instruments supporting individual research projects. The chemistry department is located in Robinson Science Hall, a 63,000 sq. ft. facility housing state-of-the-art teaching and research laboratories. The small class sizes typical in the department encourage students to become active learners in their own education, and helps foster close relationships between students and faculty members. We seek scholars who enjoy collaborating with undergraduate students and who seek the challenge of inspiring students to reach their full potential.

Teaching assignments will include a combination of lower-division and upper-division courses taken from the following: General Chemistry or Organic Chemistry and labs, an upper-division course in the applicant’s area of expertise, Chemistry Seminar, Chemical Literature, Chemistry Research, Dissemination of Research, and a General Education course (such as a Core curriculum class or first-year seminar). The opportunity to teach an occasional non-major’s course or a special topics course is also available. Other duties expected are student advising, service to the department, service to the university, and to the greater community. Since the endowed position comes with significant reassigned time for research, regular supervision of undergraduate research assistants is expected both during the academic year and in the summer.

Other opportunities available to the Hugh Johnston Endowed Professor include shepherding students through presentations at undergraduate and professional research meetings and mentoring and assisting other chemistry faculty in writing papers and external grant proposals. This position will also be responsible for reviewing internal proposals from chemistry faculty for research release time which is also supported by the Hugh Johnston endowment, and leading the department in development of a thriving research culture that is appropriate and sustainable at a small liberal arts institution.

The Hugh Johnston Endowed Professorship Also Provides the following:
- A negotiable startup package to support ongoing research
- A modest annual research budget
- Summer stipends to support faculty and student research assistants
- Substantial teaching release time for research activities
REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- An earned doctorate (Ph.D.) in Chemistry or a closely related field.
- A personal commitment to the Christian faith and to the integration of faith and learning.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively in both written and oral English.
- High degree of interest in mentoring undergraduate research students.
- Demonstrated effectiveness in college-level undergraduate teaching, possessing strong relational skills with students and colleagues.
- Evidence of robust scholarly activities with plans for establishing a program of research at Whitworth University that is competitive for external funding.
- Demonstrated awareness and commitment to effectively establishing relationships and positive communications across multiple dimensions of diversity including, but not limited to, race, gender, physical limitations, class or religious perspectives.
- Commitment to providing an equitable, just, and inclusive learning environment for all students.
- Must meet eligibility requirements to work in the United States by the time the appointment is scheduled to begin and continue to work legally for the proposed term of employment.
- A commitment to equal opportunity; and a commitment to the educational mission of Whitworth University as a Christian liberal arts university affiliated with the Presbyterian church.
- Employment offer is contingent on a successful background check, including education verification.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The following documents are required to complete the online application form at www.whitworth.edu/jobs:

1. A letter of interest that relates your education and experience to the required qualifications of the position.
3. Your curriculum vitae.
4. A 2-3 page research proposal describing: 1) your current research endeavors, 2) a research plan to be implemented at Whitworth University, 3) a list of appropriate funding agencies to which you would apply for external funding and any current and transferable funding sources, and 4) an explanation of how undergraduate students may be involved in your research.
5. The names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of three or more professional references.
6. Three recent student course evaluations (or a note explaining why they are not available).

Please direct questions about the application process to Human Resources at jobs@whitworth.edu.
Please direct questions about the position to the search committee chair, Dr. Deanna Ojennus at dojennus@whitworth.edu.

CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Whitworth’s Chemistry Department offers BA and BS degrees in Chemistry. Students seeking a BS degree declare a General Chemistry, Physical Chemistry or Biochemistry track. To read more about our department please see our department website: http://www.whitworth.edu/academic/department/chemistry/index.aspx.

ABOUT THE SPOKANE AREA

Spokane Washington with a population of about 200,000 is located on the Spokane River west of the Rocky Mountain foothills in eastern Washington State. The region enjoys four seasons with the associated outdoor activities (mountain biking, climbing, swimming, boating, snowmobiling, skiing, etc.). Spokane is within 4-5 hours of three major national parks (Mt Rainier, North Cascades, Glacier) and the Canadian Rockies. The city of Spokane is large enough to have a thriving downtown area with a riverfront park yet small enough to avoid the heavy traffic associated with larger cities. Whitworth is close to the Mead school district which is one of the top elementary school districts in the nation. In addition, Spokane has excellent health care facilities, and other top educational institutions close by. For more information on Spokane please visit http://www.movetospokane.com/

Whitworth complies with all federal, state, and local nondiscrimination laws that are applicable to religious nonprofit institutions and does not engage in unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability. With our commitment to building a diverse community, the university encourages applications from populations underrepresented at Whitworth including members of racial/ethnic communities, women, and persons with disabilities.