Faculty Position in Biology  
University of Massachusetts Amherst

The Department of Biology (www.bio.umass.edu/biology) at the University of Massachusetts Amherst seeks a full-time nontenure track Lecturer to coordinate and direct the first-year biology laboratory experience for life science majors. The primary responsibilities of this position include:

- designing and implementing undergraduate laboratory experiences with an emphasis on an inquiry-based and/or CURE (course-based undergraduate research experience) curriculum that can accommodate up to 1200 students,
- directing and supervising instructional support staff in all aspects of lab preparation and delivery,
- implementation of evidence-based pedagogical approaches,
- contributing to the lower division life sciences curriculum.

This is an academic year, benefited 2-year position and is renewable contingent upon performance. Lecturers at the University of Massachusetts are unionized with the potential for long-term careers with promotional advancement within the Lecturer ranks. Lecturers in Biology are dedicated to ongoing improvement of the lower division life science curriculum.

A Ph.D. in Biology or a closely-related field is required and postdoctoral experience is preferred. It is preferred that the successful candidate will have experience teaching in a lower division undergraduate laboratory curriculum for life-science majors with a role beyond that of graduate teaching assistant. Salary will be commensurate with skills and experience. The candidate will be expected to begin in the fall semester of 2018.

Online applications should include curriculum vitae, a statement of teaching philosophy and interests, and include the contact details for three references. Review of applications will begin January 15, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled. Electronic applications are to be submitted at


The University of Massachusetts Amherst, the flagship campus of the University of Massachusetts system, is a nationally ranked public research university and home to over 22,000 undergraduate and 6,000 graduate students. UMass Amherst, along with Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke and Smith Colleges, is a member of the Five College Consortium and the Academic Career network. The 1,430 acre campus is located in the scenic Pioneer valley of western Massachusetts and boasts a rural setting with easy access to Boston, Hartford, and New York City. Amherst is nestled between the Berkshire Mountains, Holyoke Range and Pelham Hills providing many recreational opportunities.

The University is committed to active recruitment of a diverse faculty and student body. The University of Massachusetts Amherst is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity
Employer of women, minorities, protected veterans, and individuals with disabilities and encourages applications from these and other protected group members. Because broad diversity is essential to an inclusive climate and critical to the University's goals of achieving excellence in all areas, we will holistically assess the many qualifications of each applicant and favorably consider an individual's record working with students and colleagues with broadly diverse perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds in educational, research or other work activities. We will also favorably consider experience overcoming or helping others overcome barriers to an academic degree and career.