

**Amherst College Department of Biology**  
**Open faculty position in biochemistry**

**FTE search Fall 2019**

The Department of Biology at Amherst College invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of assistant professor in the area of biochemistry, to begin on July 1, 2020. We seek a colleague who is committed to teaching and scholarship in a liberal arts college, and who shows promise for establishing a high-quality research program that involves undergraduates. A Ph.D. is required, and postdoctoral experience is strongly preferred.

Amherst College has become one of the most diverse liberal arts colleges in the country. Within the last decade, the college has profoundly transformed its student body. Today, nearly one-quarter of Amherst's students are Pell grant recipients; 45 percent of our students are domestic students of color; and 10 percent of our students are international students. Amherst College is committed to cultivating an inclusive educational environment. Our expectation is that the successful candidate for this position will excel at teaching and mentoring students who are broadly diverse with regard to race, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, gender identity, nationality, sexual orientation, disability, and religion.

The successful candidate will teach an advanced biochemistry course with laboratory and rotate through a team-taught introductory course in molecular and cellular biology. Additional teaching responsibilities will depend on the candidate's interests and expertise. Pedagogical support is offered by Amherst's Center for Teaching and Learning and other institutional initiatives. The candidate is also expected to mount an independent research program that involves undergraduate students. Start-up funding, additional forms of institutional support, and a generous sabbatical leave policy are available. The candidate will be involved in the program in biochemistry and biophysics, which brings together a collaborative group of faculty from the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics and Astronomy that teach courses and mentor students in their pursuit of research questions that traverse and integrate these fields. The sciences are housed within the new science center, completed in 2018, with state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities.

Candidates are asked to apply electronically to INTERFOLIO: <https://apply.interfolio.com/64482> with a cover letter, curriculum vitae, research statement (three to five pages), and teaching statement (one to two pages), and a statement that discusses past experiences and/or plans for supporting Amherst's diverse learning community (one page), and to arrange for three confidential letters of recommendation. Review of applications will begin on October 14, 2019, and will continue until the position is filled. Amherst College is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages women, persons of color and persons with disabilities to apply. The college is committed to enriching the educational experience it offers through the diversity of its faculty, administration and staff. For questions about the position or the application process, please contact Karen Racz, academic department coordinator of Biology ([kracz@amherst.edu](mailto:kracz@amherst.edu); 413-542-2097).

Amherst College is a private undergraduate liberal arts college with 1,800 students and a teaching faculty of more than 200. Amherst participates with Hampshire, Mount Holyoke and Smith Colleges and the University of Massachusetts in the [Five College Consortium](#), offering a variety of opportunities for teaching and research collaborations as well as cultural venues. Located in the Connecticut River Valley of western Massachusetts, Amherst is two hours from Boston and three hours from New York City. The college's scenic 1,000-acre campus includes a 500-acre [wildlife sanctuary](#), the [Book & Plow Farm](#) and three museums: [Emily Dickinson Museum](#), [Beneski Museum of Natural History](#) and [Mead Art Museum](#). Our vibrant campus, diverse community and beautiful surroundings, make Amherst College and the town of Amherst a great place to live and work. For more information about Amherst College and the Biology Department, please visit our websites: <https://www.amherst.edu>, <https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/departments/Biology>, <https://www.amherst.edu/academiclife/departments/biochemistry-biophysics>