Teaching Faculty Position

The Department of Biological Sciences at Simon Fraser University invites applications for a continuing teaching faculty appointment at the rank of Lecturer.

The successful applicant will be a dedicated and innovative teacher, responsible for instructing courses in plant biology and plant physiology. Individuals must have the ability to instruct both lecture and laboratory courses, across all years, using modern, evidence-based teaching approaches. Areas of expertise should include the biology of plants and algae, from structural and physiological perspectives. Additional expertise in biology of fungi and/or developmental biology of plants would be an asset. All lecturers in the department also contribute to our first-year laboratory courses (for majors and non-majors), and there may be opportunities to develop and teach additional courses, depending on personal interest and departmental needs. Excellent communication and relevant laboratory skills are essential. Leadership in curriculum development, training and supervision of teaching assistants, and contributions to department and university service are expected. Applicants should be collaborative and able to work well in a team that includes other faculty members, graduate student teaching assistants, and technical support staff.

The successful applicant will join a large, congenial, community-engaged department that has a broad teaching and research mission with 43 faculty, including 9 teaching faculty. We teach and train about 600 undergraduate majors in three concentrations (Cells, Molecules & Physiology; Ecology, Evolution & Conservation; Open), have close teaching collaborations with other life science departments in the Faculty of Science, and also serve many students from other Faculties.

Minimum qualifications include a Masters degree in a relevant area of biological sciences, plus teaching experience in post-secondary biology courses. Preferred qualifications include experience as a lecturer and/or lab instructor (with primary responsibility for instruction) in a breadth of biology courses, with a focus on plants and physiology. We strongly prefer applicants with demonstrated qualifications and past success in finding innovative solutions to challenges in teaching, course design, and curriculum development. Salary will be commensurate with experience (www.sfu.ca/faculty-relations/salary.html). Anticipated starting date is September 1, 2020.

Applicants should submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae including teaching experience and impact, and a one-page statement of teaching approach and accomplishments in a
single PDF to Dr. Isabelle Côté, Chair, Department of Biological Sciences, via an online application form:
Selected candidates will be asked to submit a teaching dossier including evidence of teaching effectiveness and innovation, and to have three letters of recommendation submitted on their behalf. Questions about the application process can be directed to the Chair’s secretary (biscsec@sfu.ca).

Applicants will be considered until the position is filled, but applications received before March 25, 2020 will receive first consideration. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. This position is contingent on final budgetary approval.

Simon Fraser University, located in the greater Vancouver area, is an equity employer and encourages applications from all qualified individuals including women, persons with disabilities, visible minorities, Indigenous Peoples, people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of the university. All appointments are subject to budgetary authorization. Under the authority of the University Act personal information that is required by the University for academic appointment competitions will be collected. For further details see www.sfu.ca/vpacademic/faculty_openings/collection_notice.html.