FACULTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

Temporary Faculty Position (Lecturer)
Addition to the Pool (2016-2019)

Refer to 104096 on all correspondence and inquiries regarding this position.

THE UNIVERSITY

Sonoma State University is one of the 23 campuses of the California State University. Located in the Sonoma County wine country, 48 miles north of San Francisco, the University has an enrollment of approximately 9,000 students. As of Spring 2013, the University had 497 faculty with 47% tenure-track. The University is comprised of six schools: Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, Education, Extended and International Education, Social Sciences, and Science and Technology. Degrees are offered in 45 majors at the bachelor's level and 16 at the master's level. Sonoma State University occupies 274 acres in the beautiful wine country of Sonoma County, in Northern California. Located at the foot of the Sonoma hills, the campus is just an hour’s drive north of San Francisco and 40 minutes away from the Pacific Ocean.

THE DEPARTMENT

The Department was founded in 1965. There are currently 5 full-time equivalent tenure track or tenured faculty members, with approximately 50 physics majors. The Department offers considerable hands-on experience with close student-faculty contact in classes and in research. Majors in the Department of Physics and Astronomy may pursue a B.S. in Physics, a B.S. with a Concentration in Applied Physics, or a B.A. in Physics. Minors in physics and astronomy are also offered. The Department's objectives include providing students with a broad, fundamental background in physics and its applications to prepare them to work in industry or in research laboratories, pursue graduate study, or both. The Department also provides important courses in the University’s general education program and to support other majors.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to see the department’s Web pages in order to review the department’s curricula in both Physics and Astronomy: http://www.phys-astro.sonoma.edu
DUTIES OF THE POSITION

The Department of Physics and Astronomy within the School of Science and Technology (SST) at Sonoma State University (SSU) is seeking highly motivated teachers to teach a variety of undergraduate courses in physics and astronomy, on a temporary basis. Selected individuals will be committed to employing active learning and other instruction techniques to teach undergraduates in either Physics, Astronomy or both. The Department offers a range of lower and upper division courses, as well as many laboratory courses. Candidates should specify courses for which they would like to be considered.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

To be recommended for appointment to teach the widest range of courses, the candidate must have a Ph.D. in physics, astronomy or a closely-related field and a demonstrated record of excellence in undergraduate teaching. In order to teach lower-division classes, a Master’s Degree in physics, astronomy or a closely-related field is required. Significant teaching experience and a demonstrated record of excellence in teaching are mandatory for all positions within the Department. Demonstrated ability in teaching physics/astronomy to students with a wide range of preparation and abilities is preferred.

RANK AND SALARY

Full-time is 15-unit workload per semester. Actual salary is dependent upon number of units assigned, educational preparation, and availability of funds subject to any CSU system faculty contract salary increases.

- Selection as a candidate in the applicant pool does not guarantee employment. Temporary Faculty appointments are made on a part-time, temporary basis and contingent upon department needs and funding.
- Temporary Faculty appointments are made on a semester-by-semester basis.
- Relocation expenses will not be provided for temporary faculty appointments.

Reimbursement for expenses incurred to attend an interview for temporary faculty positions are not reimbursed by the University.
HOW TO APPLY

Do not send materials to facultysearch@sonoma.edu. To apply for this position, go to www.sonoma.edu/jobs and select Job Opportunities. If you are not currently employed at Sonoma State University, select the External Applicant box. If you are currently employed at Sonoma State University, select the Internal Applicant box. You will be redirected to a list of all available jobs at Sonoma State University. Find and select the faculty position you are applying for to view the description and select Apply Now. If you have not applied for a job at Sonoma State University previously you will be asked to Register Now in order to proceed. At the initial stage of the application, you will be prompted to upload a resume. Please combine your CV and cover letter into one PDF document and upload it in place of the resume. Please proceed to My Career Tools to attach the additional required documents. Once you have submitted all materials, a confirmation email will be automatically sent to you. If you encounter difficulties during the application process, please email facultysearch@sonoma.edu.

Please submit:

**Required**
- Application letter
- Curriculum vitae
- Contact information for three references
- Statement of Teaching Philosophy
- Current teaching evaluation
- A list of courses that you feel qualified to teach. Please note that courses with numbers greater than or equal to 300 are upper division courses, for which a Ph.D. is required in order to be considered.

Official transcripts may be required at the time of hire.

**Application procedures for temporary faculty already teaching in the department:**
- Temporary Faculty with three-year contracts do not need to reapply.
- Temporary Faculty who have taught for the department within the past two years need only submit a letter of intent in place of a resume to remain in the pool. Go to www.sonoma.edu/jobs and select Internal Applicant. After finding the pool announcement, select Apply Now and proceed to submit the application. The hiring committee will review the Personnel Action File and then determine whether an additional interview would be beneficial.

Sonoma State University hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All offers of employment are contingent upon presentation of documents demonstrating the appointee’s identity and eligibility to work, in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act.
APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline to apply is by **Monday, February 29, 2016.**

**Questions concerning the application process may be directed to:** facultysearch@sonoma.edu

Questions concerning this position may be directed to:

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104096 PLEASE REFER TO THIS NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS POSITION.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The University is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate against persons on the basis of age, disability, disabled veteran or Vietnam-era veteran status, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

MANDATED REPORTING REQUIREMENT

This position is considered a “mandated reporter” under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORTS

**Jeanne Clery Act – Annual Security Report**
Sonoma State University’s Annual Security Report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by Sonoma State University and on the public property within, or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.

The report also includes institutional policies concerning campus security, alcohol/drug use, crime prevention, reporting of crimes, sexual assault and other matters. You can download a copy of this report by accessing the Police and Parking Services web site: [Jeanne Clery Act - Annual Security Report](#), or receive a copy by contacting Police and Parking Services at (707) 664-2143.

**Campus Housing Fire Safety Report**
Sonoma State University’s Annual Campus Housing Fire Safety Report, in compliance with The Campus Fire Safety Right-to-Know Act, contains information about fire statistics, fire safety systems, and safety practices and standards for campus housing. The [Campus Housing Fire Safety Report](#) is available at the Housing Services website or you can contact Housing Services at (707) 664-2541 to receive printed information or additional information.
BACKGROUND CHECK

Successful candidate is required to complete a background check prior to assuming this position.

SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS

Sonoma State University is proud to be a smoke-free campus within the California State University System. Effective July 1, 2015, Smoking and other uses of tobacco products, such as smokeless tobacco, the use of e-cigarettes and similar devices, are prohibited on Sonoma State owned, controlled or leased property, as well as in vehicles owned, leased, or rented by the University, parking lots and residential space.