



FACULTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

DEPARTMENT OF HUTCHINS SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES

**(Tenure-Track) Assistant Professor
Area: Physical Science and Liberal Arts
Starting Fall 2019**

Refer to #104688 on all correspondence and inquiries regarding this position.

OUR COMMITMENT

Guided by our core values, Sonoma State University offers an exceptional educational experience that fosters intellectual, cognitive, social, and personal growth. As the only member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges in California, we are uniquely positioned to foster ethical exploration, civic engagement, social responsibility, and global awareness combined with a solid foundation in an academic discipline. We have a strong commitment to graduating students who have the ability to think critically and communicate effectively in an ever-changing world. The unique campus culture fosters our Seawolf Commitment to integrity, respect, excellence, and responsibility and is integrated into all campus life. We nurture inclusive excellence through a celebration of the rich diversity of our local communities and our interconnected global economy. Members of the University community are expected to work effectively with faculty, staff, and students from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds. SSU is especially interested in candidates who make contributions to equity and inclusion in the pursuit of excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service.

THE UNIVERSITY

Sonoma State University's beautiful 274-acre campus is located in Sonoma County wine country, an hour north of San Francisco. The campus offers the ideal setting for teaching and learning and access to a community of rich cultural, environmental, and recreational opportunities. Founded in 1960, Sonoma State University is one of the 23 campuses of the California State University System. As members of the largest public higher educational system in the nation, we provide accessible, high quality education to more than 9000 students. Sonoma State University is proud to be a Hispanic Serving Institution committed to achieving the goals of equal opportunity and endeavors to employ faculty and staff reflecting the ethnic and cultural diversity of the region and state.

FACULTY RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to teaching and scholarship, faculty are expected to engage in service to the department, school, and community. Sonoma State is committed to the Teacher/Scholar model and places an emphasis on faculty support of undergraduate research. Faculty are also encouraged to participate in our distinctive, high-impact Freshman and Sophomore year programs and to foster our commitment to the [CSU Graduation Initiative 2025](#) through excellent teaching, advising, and mentoring. Potential applicants are encouraged to review the [University's Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Policy](#). All faculty are required to have the ability to work effectively in a multicultural environment.

THE DEPARTMENT

The Hutchins School of Liberal Studies is an interdisciplinary school within Arts & Humanities at Sonoma State University. A nationally recognized leader among Interdisciplinary Studies programs, the Hutchins School is committed to innovative, student-centered pedagogy; multi-disciplinary inquiry; and the development of critical thinking, communication, and leadership skills that will help students navigate the multicultural and multiracial American landscape. In small seminar classes, students and faculty engage topics from a variety of perspectives. Various tracks within the undergraduate major prepare students for careers and postgraduate study in a wide range of fields, including the pursuit of elementary teaching credentials, such as Multiple Subject or Education Specialist, which prepares students to serve California's diverse student population. Prospective applicants are encouraged to see the department's web page at: <http://www.sonoma.edu/hutchins/>

DUTIES OF THE POSITION

The Hutchins School of Liberal Studies is searching for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Physical Science and Liberal Arts. The duties of the position include designing and teaching upper-division interdisciplinary seminars for Liberal Studies majors on subjects relating to physical science and the liberal arts/humanities; teaching integrated and highly interdisciplinary lower-division seminars in the Hutchins School's General Education program; collaborating with interdisciplinary teams of colleagues to plan general education curriculum that connects the physical sciences to liberal arts subjects; working amicably with colleagues from diverse backgrounds and perspectives; designing field and lab experiences for lower-division undergraduate students that meet the lab requirements for general education; organizing and teaching lower-division symposium courses; and participating in relevant campus programs, such as the SSU Makerspace.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

To be recommended for appointment, the candidate must have training in the physical sciences. We are open to Ph.D.'s from a range of fields, including Physics, History and/or Philosophy of Science, Astronomy, Geology, Science and Technology Studies, Chemistry, Science/STEM Education, Oceanography, or related fields. More importantly, we are looking for candidates who can extend their training in the physical sciences into other arenas (e.g. art, education, philosophy, ethnic studies, etc.) and who have wide ranging interests. We are interested in candidates who will contribute to diversity and equal opportunity in higher education through their teaching, research, and service. In particular, we encourage historically underrepresented minority candidates (e.g. African American, Latinx, Native American, etc.) to apply.

Desired qualifications include: teaching and/or research experience in the physical sciences; experience with interdisciplinary curriculum; experience with collaborative curriculum design; experience leading seminar discussions, designing creative educational activities, and assessing student writing and course performance; and experience designing lab and field experiences for undergraduate students at the general education level.

To be recommended for tenure, the candidate must demonstrate satisfactory performance in four areas: teaching effectiveness; scholarship, research, creative achievement and professional development; service to the University; and public service and service to the community. Although tenure may be granted at any time, contract provisions specify that "the normal period of probation shall be a total of six (6) years of full-time probationary service and credited service, if any. Any deviation from the normal six (6) year probationary period shall be the decision of the President following his/her consideration of recommendations from the department or equivalent unit and appropriate administrator(s)." Tenure is required for promotion above the level of Associate Professor.

RANK AND SALARY

Salary and service credit depends upon academic preparation and professional experience. The salary for this position is \$74,200.

HOW TO APPLY

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 Applicants* 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. After submitting the application letter and curriculum vitae, please proceed to My Career Tools to attach the additional required documents. Your statement of research interests may be a statement of scholarship and/or creative activity if appropriate to your discipline. PDFs are the preferred format for all submissions. 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. Applications submitted to the faculty search email address will not be considered, so please use [the www.sonoma.edu/jobs](http://www.sonoma.edu/jobs) link above.

Please submit:

Required

- A cover letter that details your interest in and qualifications for the position. As part of your letter please separate and label your teaching philosophy, your research interests, and any experience you have that demonstrates your potential to support SSU's commitment to diversity. This application letter, which should total no more than five (5) pages, will stand in lieu of a separate cover letter and separate statements of teaching, research, and diversity.
- Curriculum vitae, including contact information for three (3) references to be contacted by the committee members

Additional Required Documents

- Student Evaluations

Letters of Recommendation will be requested from finalists only.

Official transcripts may be required at the time of hire.

Sonoma State University hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. We are unable to sponsor any international candidates for this cycle. 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. A background check (including a criminal records check) must be completed satisfactorily before any candidate can be offered a position with the CSU.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for the first review of applications has been extended to **November 30, 2018**. The position will remain open until filled.

Questions concerning this position may be directed to:

Stephanie Dyer, Department Chair and Search Committee Co-Chair

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

#104688 PLEASE REFER TO THIS NUMBER ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS POSITION.

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OTHER INFORMATION

The university is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, or protected veteran status.

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.

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