Non-Tenure-Track Lecturer Position in Technical Communication

The School of Chemical, Materials, and Biomedical Engineering at the University of Georgia (UGA) invites applications for a 9-month non-tenure-track lecturer position to begin August 2019.

The academic curriculum is the most important component of the educational experience for students. A recent report by the UGA Task Force on Student Learning and Success recommended that schools and colleges emphasize discipline specific writing within their curricula. Additionally, in 2019, ABET, the international accrediting body for engineering and other technical programs, will introduce a revised set of students outcomes that include "An ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences". The need for engineering graduates to communicate effectively is supported by a study published in 2006 that showed that 91% of employers (n=1,622) considered communication "Highly Important or Essential" for new hires. Furthermore, during the spring 2018 meeting of our Industry Advisory Board, we received feedback that our graduates should be capable of technical writing and graduate students should be familiar with writing research proposals and other technical documents.

The successful candidate is expected to: (1) develop and teach new courses in technical communication for engineers at the undergraduate and graduate levels (2) collaborate with faculty who wish to incorporate “write to learn” activities in biochemical and biological engineering courses (3) exhibit a strong commitment to teaching excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and (4) actively participate in the research activities of the Engineering Education Transformations Institute.

Candidates should have a PhD in Technical Writing, Professional Writing, English or a closely related discipline required, OR MS in Technical Writing, Professional Writing, English or a closely related discipline with a minimum of five years’ experience teaching technical communication/writing courses at the college level as well as evidence of scholarship. Exceptions to the terminal degree requirement must be approved by the Vice President for Instruction prior to beginning employment at the University of Georgia.

The School of Chemical, Materials and Biomedical Engineering is building a vibrant academic environment that fosters engineering education in a liberal arts environment and research that addresses critical societal needs. The School offers undergraduate and graduate engineering degree programs in biochemical engineering and biological engineering and has grown rapidly to nearly 480 undergraduate and graduate students and 17 faculty members. More information can be found at http://www.engineering.uga.edu/cmbe.

The University of Georgia is a public land-grant and sea-grant university located in Athens, GA. It is the oldest state-chartered institution in the United States, and currently enrolls more than 36,000 students across 17 schools and colleges. Ranked among the top 15 public institutions by US News and World Report, UGA is a research-intensive university that prides itself on providing high-quality undergraduate, graduate, and professional education.

To apply, candidates should submit an application at: http://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/58540. Questions related to the position may be directed to the search committee chair, Dr. Rama Ramasamy (rama@uga.edu).

Applications received before March 1, 2019 will be given full consideration.

The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, genetic information, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected veteran status. Persons needing accommodations or assistance with the accessibility of materials related to this search are encouraged to contact Central HR (hrweb@uga.edu). Please do not contact the department or search committee with such requests.