



Visiting Assistant Professor of Geology & Environmental Science

Department: Geology
Status: Exempt, Full Time
Closes: Open until filled

Reports To: Chair, Department of Biochemical & Physical
Science
Classification: Faculty

POSITION SUMMARY

Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA is seeking to hire a 1-year Visiting Assistant Professor who will teach courses in the geology and environmental science undergraduate programs. The area of specialty is open, but the expected teaching duties for this full-time position will be 24 credits/year and may include courses such as Earth Materials, Structural Geology, Energy & Environmental Justice, Hydrogeology, Sedimentation & Stratigraphy, and GIS. Our class sizes are small and field-based learning is encouraged and supported.

The anticipated start date for this position is August 15th, 2026. Preference will be given to candidates with a PhD, but candidates who are ABD or have an MS degree in an appropriate area of study will also be considered. Previous experience teaching and working with diverse student populations is a plus.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Duties include teaching introductory and upper-division geology and environmental science undergraduate courses. In addition to pursuing teaching excellence, faculty are expected to engage in academic advising and service to the department, school, and university.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- At a minimum, the candidate will have a Masters Degree in Geology, Environmental Science, or a closely related field. A Ph.D. is preferred and required for a tenure-track position. ABD candidates may be considered with the expectation of degree completion within one year of hire.
- Experience with laboratory instruction, course development, and using innovative, student-centered pedagogies.
- Demonstrated commitment to fostering an inclusive learning environment for students from diverse backgrounds.
- Skills in using educational technology and modern instructional techniques.
- Desire to mentor undergraduate students in professional development.

Additional Preferences for Consideration

- Experience teaching both geology and environmental science courses.
- Experience in interdisciplinary teaching and/or research, especially in alignment with a liberal arts curriculum.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are asked to submit the following in a single PDF

- Cover Letter: Describe how your qualifications align with the position's requirements.
- Curriculum Vitae: Include education, teaching experience, research achievements, and service contributions.
- Teaching Statement: Detail your teaching philosophy and experience with student-centered pedagogies.
- References: Provide contact information for 3–5 professional references.

Direct applications to:

Human Resources Mercyhurst University
501 East 38th Street
Erie, PA 16546
hrinfo@mercyhurst.edu

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

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Candidates must be currently eligible to work in the United States.