TENURE TRACK POSITION IN MICROBIOLOGY

The Department of Biological Sciences at Northern Illinois University anticipates hiring a tenure track faculty member in Microbiology. The position is at the assistant professor rank and is a traditional nine month appointment. The successful candidate will establish a robust, externally funded research program in microbiology. Targeted areas of interest include the host-pathogen interaction, human microbiome, ecology of infectious animal and plant diseases, and disease emergence. The candidate will also contribute to graduate and undergraduate teaching in biological sciences and will develop an upper-level course in their area of expertise. Experience working with diverse student populations underrepresented in science is desirable.

Additional responsibilities include mentoring and supporting students from diverse backgrounds; service to the department, college, university, and community; training graduate and undergraduate students in biological research. For details about the department, see niu.edu/biology/.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Doctorate in biology, microbiology, biochemistry, or related field
- Demonstrated research and publication record in microbiology
- Strong potential for securing external funding
- Potential for supervising graduate and undergraduate research students
- Ability to teach undergraduate and graduate courses for biology majors and non-majors

Preferred Qualifications:

- Postdoctoral experience or additional expertise in area of research
- Evidence of teaching experience in classroom or laboratory settings
- Ability to teach, mentor, and support students from diverse backgrounds

Northern Illinois University is a research university with a diverse student population of 19,000. NIU is in DeKalb, IL, an affordable and growing community situated a commutable distance between the Chicago and Rockford metropolitan areas. The university has strong connections to other regional research, medical, and education institutions.

Application Process:
Submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, statement of research, statement of teaching philosophy, and complete contact information for three professional references at employment.niu.edu, faculty position #6023. Review of applications begins October 31, 2017, and preference will be given to applications received by this date although applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For questions, contact the search committee chair Dr. Wesley Swingley at wswingley@niu.edu. Proposed Start Date: August 16, 2018.
In compliance with the Illinois Campus Security Act, before an offer of employment is made, the university will conduct a pre-employment background investigation, which includes a criminal background check.

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In compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment eligibility verification document form upon hire.

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