***UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO***

School of Biological Sciences

**Position Title:** Visiting Faculty, Microbiology **Position Number:** New

**Background**

The faculty of the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) are searching for a colleague to join our vibrant and collegial academic unit. The position is for a nine month appointment as Visiting Faculty with expertise in Microbiology. UNC is classified as a Doctoral University with Higher Research Activity and has a Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation. We currently enroll around 9,000 students (approximately 7,000 undergraduates and 2,00 graduate students). The School of Biological Sciences has 19 full time faculty members, 70+ graduate students (enrolled in MS, MSNT, MBS, and PhD programs), and approximately 520 undergraduate majors with a student population that is 23.5% Latinx, 6% Black, 55% White, and 6% multiracial. The ideal candidate will share UNCs commitment to educating our multiracial student body.

**Responsibilities**

We seek a candidate with experience teaching students from diverse backgrounds and expertise in the microbiology. The successful candidate will be knowledgeable about the use of student focused pedagogy in the classroom in order to engage all students in the learning process and will join a unit that is dedicated to providing all students with access to high impact practices aimed at increasing student retention, persistence, and success. Responsibilities include teaching 12 workload units each semester, including BIO 251 – Allied Health Microbiology and BIO 351 – Microbiology, and one additional course based on qualifications. The candidate will also dedicate 3 workload units each semester to general service to the School of Biological Sciences.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

* Doctorate (Ph.D. or equivalent) in Biology or closely related field
* Potential for or evidence of innovative, learner-centered pedagogy
* Commitment to educating a multiracial student population
* Ability to teach courses in microbiology

**Preferred Qualifications:**

* Teaching experience at the university level
* Experience and expertise in culturally responsive teaching

**Salary and Benefits**:

Salary and rank is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Benefits available include health, vision, life, and dental insurance, as well as a selection of several defined contribution retirement programs. Other benefits may be available based on position. The position is a nine month appointment.

**Requested Start Date:**

August 16, 2021

**Application Materials, Contact, and Application Deadline:**

Screening of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Interested individuals should apply online at <https://careers.unco.edu> and select “View/Apply for Faculty Positions” then choose “Assistant– Biomedical Sciences.” Application documents to be submitted online are:

1. A letter of application/cover letter,
2. A *curriculum vitae*,
3. The names and contact information of at least three references,
4. Unofficial or official copies of all undergraduate and graduate school transcripts, and
5. A statement of teaching philosophy which must include/address the following:
   1. What role should faculty play in student success?
   2. Think of the most successful class that you have taught. What were the key factors in creating that success particularly for racially minoritized populations?
   3. Describe how your teaching engages students in the learning process.

For questions about the position, contact the School of Biological Sciences Director, Mitchell McGlaughlin, 970-351-2139, [Mitchell.mcglaughlin@unco.edu](mailto:Mitchell.mcglaughlin@unco.edu)

**Additional Requirements**:

Satisfactory completion of a background check, educational check, and authorization to work in the United States is required after a conditional offer of employment has been made. Original transcripts must be submitted at least one (1) month before the start date.

**Location and Environment:**

The university, founded in 1889, is located in Greeley, Colorado, which has a growing population of over 100,000 and is situated one hour north of Denver and 30 miles east of the Rocky Mountains. The City of Greeley is an affordable community (median home value of approximately $284,000) composed of both historic and newer homes, which has a lively downtown with many social and cultural activities. Greeley is located in close proximity to Pawnee National Grasslands (30 minutes), Rocky Mountain National Park (1 hour), Denver (1 hour), and world class winter sports (2 hours). Further information about UNC and the City of Greeley is available at <http://www.unco.edu>.