

Department Chair for Biology

The Department of Biology at Jackson State University (JSU) is seeking applications for the position of **Department Chair**. The appointment will begin on July 1, 2009. With an enrollment of 8300 students, JSU is located in Jackson, the capital city of the State of Mississippi with a population of 350,000 in the metropolitan area. JSU is currently classified by the Carnegie Foundation as one of 103 Research Universities with High Research Activities (96 universities with Very High Research Activities). The University is composed of 6 academic colleges. The Department of Biology is housed in the College of Science, Engineering, and Technology (CSET). Under the current administration, JSU has experienced tremendous growth in physical facilities, student enrollment, scholarly activities, and extramural funding. The College of Science, Engineering and Technology, with its new leadership, is poised to become one of the prominent science and engineering colleges in the country.

The Department of Biology is the largest department on campus with approximately 800 majors. The Department offers B.S., M.S., and M.S.T. degrees, and biology students can also pursue a Ph.D. degree through the interdisciplinary Environmental Science program within CSET. The Department employs 25 full-time faculty members from a diverse background of sub-disciplines in biology and publishes over 55 peer-reviewed articles per year. This vibrant and youthful department is involved in substantive research and scholarly activities in biology and bioenvironmental sciences with emphasis on environmental, marine, and biomedical sciences.

We seek a visionary leader to promote continued curricular and programmatic development. The candidate is expected to lead and facilitate the continued growth of the research and academic enterprises in the Department, and to address the needs of a diverse student population in the areas of teaching, research, advisement, and retention. The candidate must have a Ph.D. degree in biology or a closely related field as well as a distinguished record of teaching excellence and research productivity appropriate to appointment at the rank of tenured associate or full professor. The successful applicant must be able to effectively communicate and implement initiatives with the support of faculty, students and administration. Demonstrated experiences in leadership, interpersonal and administrative skills are desirable.

Application materials should be sent to: Chair, Search Committee, PO Box 17910, College of Science, Engineering, and Technology, Jackson State University, 1400 J. R. Lynch Street, Jackson, MS 39217. All inquiries: 601-979-2171 or email biochair@chem.jsums.edu. Related information can be found at <http://www.jsums.edu/~sst/cset/index2.htm>. The completed application package should include: curriculum vitae, official transcripts (and Ph.D. certificate if applicable), statement of vision as the chair of the Biology Department, short bio, three letters of recommendation, and copies of three representative publications. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Jackson State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.