

## **Michigan Technological University, Chair of Biological Sciences**

The Department of Biological Sciences at Michigan Technological University invites applications for the position of Chair to begin in the 2007-2008 academic year. The chair will serve as the chief financial and academic officer for the department, responsible for program development, maintenance and progress of our undergraduate and graduate programs and fundraising. The chair is expected to maintain a dynamic research program compatible with existing departmental strengths in biochemistry and molecular biology, ecology and limnology, and the health sciences.

We seek an individual with the vision, interpersonal skills and experience to lead the department to national prominence in biological research, further our strong tradition of educational excellence and grow our MS and PhD programs. The chair is expected to foster collaborations with other departments, centers and institutions, and advance the department's position as a key player in interdisciplinary strategic initiatives such as sustainability and biotechnology.

### Required:

- PhD in the biological sciences or a related area
- eligible for appointment as full professor
- distinguished record of research and teaching
- evidence of leadership
- history of extramural funding procurement
- demonstrated resource and personnel management
- excellent communication and organizational skills

### Desirable:

- experience in program development and interdisciplinary activities
- commitment to the enhancement of diversity
- awareness of and openness to innovative teaching techniques

Review of applications will begin January 5, 2007, and continue until the position is filled.

Applicants should send: a letter of interest; curriculum vitae; statements of research, teaching, and administrative philosophies; and names of 4 references to:

Dr. Casey Huckins, Search Committee Chair  
Department of Biological Sciences  
Michigan Technological University  
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Houghton, MI 49931

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The Department of Biological Sciences consists of 17 full-time faculty members, nine adjunct faculty members in other MTU departments, seven full-time staff as well as a number of research personnel. The department offers 4 undergraduate degrees as well as the MS and PhD in Biological

Sciences. We currently enroll approximately 280 undergraduate students and 21 graduate students, more than half of whom are PhD candidates. Approximately half of our undergraduate students are enrolled in medically related (premed and Clinical Lab Sciences) programs. The department is located in the new (1998) Dow Environmental Sciences and Engineering Building. More information about our department can be found at [www.bio.mtu.edu](http://www.bio.mtu.edu).

Michigan Technological University is a publicly funded university located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The university is composed of the College of Sciences and Arts, the College of Engineering, and the Schools of Business, Forest Resources and Environmental Sciences, and Technology. There are 412 faculty in over 30 academic programs with over 5500 undergraduate students and 900 graduate students.

Michigan Tech is one of Michigan's four research universities and is ranked among the top half of all national universities in U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges and number 159 in the nation by *Washington Monthly Magazine*. *Princeton Review's* "Best 361 Colleges." ranked the University a "tech powerhouse". Michigan Tech is rated one of the safest college campuses in the United States. Twenty-five percent of incoming students ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class and a recent national survey of high school guidance counselors conducted by Collegiate Information Services lists Michigan Tech as one of top three colleges and universities in Michigan in providing the highest quality education.

Michigan Tech is located in Houghton, MI on the south shore of Lake Superior. Houghton was recently named one of the 100 best small towns in America and the local community provides excellent resources conducive to quality family life. This rural area is known for natural beauty, pleasant summers, abundant snow fall, and numerous all-season outdoor activities. The University maintains its own downhill and cross-country ski facilities and golf course. In addition, there are numerous cultural activities and opportunities available on campus and in the community.

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