



VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Department of Psychology at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, invites applications for a visiting assistant professor of psychology to begin fall 2020.

At Wofford College the [Department of Psychology](#) is considered a part of the sciences and all majors earn a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. All coursework has an empirical focus, and we strive to incorporate research within and outside of the classroom, including a required semester-long senior thesis course that allows faculty to [conduct research scholarship within the teaching load](#). Our major attracts high quality students having maintained a high percentile rank (top 15%) on the Major Field Test in Psychology compared to other institutions over the past 12 years. As a department, we place high value on faculty-student relationships, as can be seen through our student-led “Psychology Kingdom” group that promotes academic, social and service events. Faculty enjoy a supportive and engaged work environment.

The visiting assistant professor of psychology will teach a mix of introductory-level and upper-level courses. The introductory course, Introduction to Psychological Science, is taught as part of the general education program with a lab section. Introductory 200-level survey courses include Child & Adolescent Development and Abnormal Psychology. Upper-level courses include elective courses in candidate’s area of expertise. Candidates with the appropriate skills and background would be able to teach a section of senior thesis that that engages a small group of students in a research study in the professor’s area of expertise. This course allows some scholarship to be conducted as part of the teaching load.

Wofford’s faculty teach 3-1-3 load when they are teaching 3-credit courses; 2-1-2 load for 4-credit (lab) courses. The 1 indicates the January Interim course term in which professors may travel with students or teach on a variety of topics using experiential teaching methods. The visiting assistant professor is not expected to teach during Interim, but can request to do so if interested. The position provides the opportunity to learn from Wofford faculty who are teacher-scholars with a high aptitude and interest in undergraduate teaching and advising, community outreach, and a commitment to the liberal arts.

QUALIFICATIONS

A Ph.D. in psychology (or closely related) is required. Preference will be given for candidates having teaching experiences at the collegiate level. Graduate coursework on teaching and/or additional pedagogical training through workshops or certificates are also valuable.

APPLICATION

For assured consideration, please submit: 1) CV, 2) three letters of recommendation and 3) statements of teaching philosophy (which should include an articulation of interest in, and understanding of, working at a residential, liberal arts college) and research interests to PsychologySearch@wofford.edu. Paper applications also will be accepted and can be mailed to: Psychology Department Search, Wofford College, Psychology Department, 429 N. Church St., Spartanburg, SC 29303. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Questions can be directed to the chair of the department, Dr. Kara Bopp, (boppkl@wofford.edu / 864-597-4645).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Wofford College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation or any legally protected status.

Wofford College values diversity within our students, faculty and staff, and strives to recruit, develop, and retain the most talented people. We encourage applications from all underrepresented groups, including persons with varied backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, disability, veteran status or any legally protected status in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.

It is the policy of Wofford College to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities who are employees or applicants for employment. If you require an accommodation to participate in any part of the hiring process, please reach out to HumanResources@wofford.edu.

A background check will be conducted for finalist candidates. Employment is contingent upon completion of a successful background check and establishment of identity and verification of employment eligibility as required by the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

Salary will be commensurate with experience. Wofford College provides a competitive benefits package including employer contribution to retirement savings, employer premium contribution to comprehensive major medical insurance, disability insurance, and other accompanying fringes.

About Wofford College

Wofford College, established in 1854, is a four-year, residential liberal arts college located

in Spartanburg, S.C. It offers 26 major fields of study to a student body of 1,725 undergraduates. Nationally known for its strong academic program, outstanding faculty, study abroad participation and successful graduates, Wofford is recognized consistently as a “best value college” and is among the New York Times’ “Top Colleges Doing the Most for the American Dream,” a ranking based on accessibility for low- and middle-income students. The college community enjoys Greek Life as well as 19 NCAA Division I athletics teams.

Wofford’s mission is to provide superior liberal arts education that prepares its students for extraordinary and positive contributions to a global society. The focus of Wofford’s mission is upon fostering commitment to excellence in character, performance, leadership, service to others and lifelong learning. Wofford strives for sustainability in all aspects of college life through respect for the environment and through our core values.

About Spartanburg

Spartanburg is a city of about 40,000 located in the northwestern part of the state, about one hour’s drive from Charlotte or Asheville, North Carolina, and about 30 minutes from Greenville, South Carolina. Coastal South Carolina can be reached in about three hours. Learn more about Spartanburg www.spartanburgchamber.com/live.