

The American Society of Pharmacognosy

<https://www.pharmacognosy.us/job/assistant-associate-full-professor-in-microbiology-university-of-alabama/>

Assistant/Associate/Full Professor in Microbiology

Description

The department of Biological Sciences at The University of Alabama invites applications for three tenure-track positions at the Assistant Professor level and one position at the Associate or Full Professor level in Microbiology, as part of a microbiology focused cluster hire. The appointments will begin on August 16, 2026.

Responsibilities

The successful candidates for the Assistant Professor positions will be expected to establish and lead a research program focused on microorganisms while the Associate or Full Professor will be expected to lead an established research program focused on microorganisms. The search is open to all areas of microbiology, with particular interest in, but not limited to, host-pathogen interactions, microbial disease ecology, microbiomes, bacteriophages, or synthetic biology. Research expectations include developing and sustaining an externally funded research program, and mentoring graduate and undergraduate students. Successful applicants should demonstrate the ability to collaborate with faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences, as well as across other departments and research institutes (e.g., Alabama Life Research Institute or the Alabama Water Institute). Teaching responsibilities include basic undergraduate courses in microbiology or biology and graduate courses in the successful candidate's area of expertise. More information about the department can be found on the departmental website <https://bsc.ua.edu/>. Questions about the positions should be addressed to the co-chairs of the search committee, Dr. Julie Olson (jolson@ua.edu) and Dr. Melanie Higgins (mahiggins1@ua.edu). Applicants should apply directly through the UA jobs website (links below). Applications should include a cover letter, a current curriculum vitae, a research statement (maximum 3 pages), a teaching statement (maximum 1 page) and provide contact information for 3 references. The review of applications will begin December 1, 2025, and the review will continue until the position is filled. Link to application for Assistant Professor positions: <http://careers.ua.edu/cw/en-us/job/527650>. Link to application for Associate/Full Professor

Hiring organization

The University of Alabama

Employment Type

Full-time

Job Location

Tuscaloosa, AL

Date posted

October 20, 2025

Valid through

15.12.2025

position: <http://careers.ua.edu/cw/en-us/job/527688>

Qualifications

Assistant Professor positions: Candidates must possess a Ph.D. or an equivalent degree in microbiology, biological sciences, or a closely related field and have postdoctoral experience. The successful candidates should have an outstanding track-record of scholarly publications commensurate with the applicants' career stage.

Associate/Full Professor position: Candidates must possess a Ph.D. or an equivalent degree in microbiology, biological sciences, or a closely related field along with current or prior experience in a tenure-track or tenured faculty position (or equivalent). Candidates are expected to have a research track record commensurate with their career stage and have an established externally funded research program, as well as teach and mentor at the undergraduate and graduate levels effectively. The successful candidate should have a strong record of achievement that demonstrates a national/international reputation, including an active and well-funded research program supported by multiple competitive external research grants. Candidates should also demonstrate an outstanding record of teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as a strong commitment to mentoring students and trainees.

Contacts

Melanie Higgins, mahiggins1@ua.edu