

Department of Physics, Virginia Tech

Tenure-Track Faculty Position in Experimental Soft Matter and/or Biological Physics

As part of plans to build on existing strengths of and expand our *Center for Soft Matter and Biological Physics* (<https://csmb.phys.vt.edu/>), the *Department of Physics* at Virginia Tech (<http://www.phys.vt.edu>) invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Experimental Soft Matter and/or Biological Physics. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, physics of synthetic biological systems, physical biomimetics, biomolecular physics, biomechanics, active matter, colloidal physics, and polymer physics. The *Center for Soft Matter and Biological Physics* provides broad opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborations within Virginia Tech's *College of Science* (www.science.vt.edu) and *College of Engineering* (www.eng.vt.edu), as well as its *Macromolecules Innovations* (www.mii.vt.edu), *Fralin Life Sciences* (<https://fralinlifesci.vt.edu/>), and *Critical Technology and Applied Science* (www.ictas.vt.edu/) *Institutes*.

Applicants must hold a Ph.D. or equivalent in physics or a closely related field by date of hire and must have postdoctoral experience at the time of the appointment. The successful candidate will be expected to establish a vigorous and well-funded research program; teach effectively at the undergraduate and graduate levels; continue development of scholarly activities and professional capabilities; occasionally travel, for example, to attend professional conferences and present research seminars; and actively participate in department, college, and university governance.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are core values at Virginia Tech and the College of Science. Our excellence can only be fully realized by faculty, students, and staff who share our commitment to these values. The Department of Physics seeks candidates whose research, teaching or service has prepared them to contribute to our commitment to diversity and inclusion in higher education.

Questions regarding the position may be directed to the chair of the Search Committee, Shengfeng Cheng, at smbp-search-g@vt.edu.

Candidates should apply at <http://jobs.vt.edu/> (#521890). The application package must include (i) a cover letter, (ii) curriculum vitae with publication list, (iii) a statement of ongoing and planned research, (iv) a brief description of teaching philosophy, and (v) a statement of any previous activities or future plans aimed at expanding diversity and/or mentoring of underrepresented groups, and how the applicant will further Virginia Tech's commitment to build a culturally diverse educational environment (<http://www.inclusive.vt.edu/>). Applicants should arrange for three letters of recommendation to be directly emailed to smbp-search-g@vt.edu. Review of applications will begin on November 15, 2022, and will continue until the position is filled; to ensure full consideration, complete application packages and reference letters should be received by November 15, 2022. As part of the hiring process, the successful applicant must pass a criminal background check. The expected position starting date is August 10, 2023.

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For inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies, contact the Office for Equity and Accessibility at 540-231- 2010 or Virginia Tech, North End Center, Suite 2300 (0318), 300 Turner St. NW, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

Individuals with disabilities desiring accommodations in the application process should please notify Ms. Jacqueline Woodyard, Department of Physics, (540) 231-7566 or call TTY 1-800-828-1120 prior to the application deadline.