University of Texas at El Paso
College of Science
Department of Chemistry
Assistant Professor-Medicinal Chemistry

POSITION DESCRIPTION: The Department of Chemistry at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) invites applications for a tenure-track assistant professor position in all aspects of Medicinal Chemistry. The anticipated appointment date is fall 2015 or earlier. The successful candidate will establish an extramurally-funded research program; teach and mentor undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral students; and be a member of the Border Biomedical Research Center (BBRC). The BBRC has multiple state-of-the-art laboratories and core facilities, including those focused on proteomics, metabolomics, genomics, cell imaging, high-throughput screening (HTS) analyses, and bioinformatics and biostatistics. Major resources at BBRC include: gas and liquid chromatography-mass-spectrometry (GC-MS and LC-MS) systems, two high-content imaging (HCI) systems for HTS of libraries of small molecule inhibitors, a surface-plasmon resonance system, a new-generation Illumina DNA sequencing system, and electron and confocal microscopes. The BBRC also features newly constructed BSL3/ABSL3 facilities. The Department of Chemistry is housed in the recently completed Chemistry and Computer Science building, which has facilities for NMR spectroscopy, mass spectrometry, EPR, x-ray crystallography, and cryoelectron microscopy. Candidates’ research should have a strong potential for extramural funding and for establishing collaborations with other BBRC laboratories. Preference will be given to candidates whose research employs innovative approaches in areas including the design, generation, and analysis of bioactive compounds, the manipulation of their pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic properties and their bioavailability, development of novel drug delivery systems and targeted drug delivery.

ABOUT UTEP AND EL PASO: Located on the culturally vibrant U.S.-Mexico border, The University of Texas at El Paso is an emerging national research university with more than 23,000 students. The University’s rapidly growing research portfolio in the sciences, engineering, health fields, and other areas brings in more than $83 million per year, ranking UTEP fourth in federal research expenditures among the public universities in Texas. El Paso is a highly livable, bicultural community of 800,000 people, which offers affordable homes and attractive neighborhoods. It is the safest large city in the United States. Shielded by mountains on three sides, El Paso experiences more than 300 days of sunshine annually, and residents enjoy outdoor activities year-round. The city of El Paso is adjacent to both the state of New Mexico and the country of Mexico, making it the nation’s leading area for cultural diversity and border health research. Comprising 248 square miles, El Paso is the sixth largest city in Texas and 19th largest city in the United States. El Paso’s active arts and culture community features the state’s longest running symphony orchestra, a nationally recognized chamber music festival, art
galleries, history museums, and a full schedule of seasonal festivals and events. UTEP adds to the arts scene with an award-winning dinner theater, music and dance productions, contemporary and student art galleries, and a natural history museum. For sports fans, the UTEP Miners offer exciting Division I college athletics at Sun Bowl Stadium, the Don Haskins Center and Kidd Field. Southwest University Park located in El Paso’s lively downtown is home to the El Paso Chihuahuas, the San Diego Padres AAA baseball team.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent degree, postdoctoral research experience, and a strong record of research accomplishments.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Candidates should send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, statement of research interest, a brief description of teaching philosophy, and complete contact information for at least three references in a single pdf file to the following address:

Dr. Katja Michael  
Medicinal Chemistry Search Committee Chair  
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