

Assistant Professor - Botany - Weber State University

The Department of Botany at Weber State University invites applications for a tenure-track position in **Economic Botany/ Phytochemistry** starting in Fall 2015. We seek a person with expertise in the phytochemistry of secondary plant metabolites and their uses/effects. The successful candidate will be appointed at the Assistant Professor level, and will be expected to 1) teach upper division Botany courses including medicinal plants/herbal medicines, 2) teach lower division courses as department needs require, 3) establish an active and sustained research program that includes mentoring undergraduate students, 4) attempt to secure external funding in support of teaching or research, 5) contribute to the development of new departmental and interdisciplinary courses and curricula, and 6) develop collaborations with colleagues in Botany and in other departments at Weber State University.

Minimum Requirements include:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- A Ph.D. in botany, plant biology, or a related field with expertise in Economic Botany/ Phytochemistry. Candidates who expect to complete a Ph.D. by the beginning of the Fall 2015 semester also will be considered.
- Evidence of teaching excellence at the undergraduate level.
- A demonstrated commitment to high-quality research, to mentoring undergraduate researchers, and to integrating research into the classroom.

Preferred qualifications include postdoctoral experience, a record of teaching relevant courses, and an ability to develop a research program that can supplement our pre-natural medicine major or address the needs of the regional natural products industry.

Weber State University is a open-enrollment, primarily undergraduate institution located at the foot of the Wasatch Mountains in Ogden, Utah. For more than five decades, the institution has successfully maintained a dual mission by offering a wide range of baccalaureate programs and also meeting regional community college needs. The Botany Department embraces both missions through its strong programs (see www.weber.edu/botany) and remains one of the best stand-alone botany departments in the U.S. The department will occupy state-of-the-art labs and classrooms in a new science building scheduled for completion in 2016. Ogden is a beautiful city with a rich culture and history and is 45 minutes from Salt Lake City and its international airport. An average of 223 sunny days a year and immediate access to skiing, biking, camping, hiking, and fishing make it an outdoor paradise. More information about the Ogden area may be found at www.visitogden.com.

To apply, complete the online application at <http://jobs.weber.edu> and attach a cover letter, a statement of teaching philosophy, a statement of research plans, a CV, and unofficial transcripts. Additionally, three letters of reference that address the candidate's qualifications for this position, must be mailed to Economic Botany/Phytochemistry Search Committee Chair, Department of Botany, Weber State University, 1415 Edvalson St., Dept. 2504, Ogden, UT, 84408-2504. **Applications received by November 17, 2014 are guaranteed full consideration, although screening will continue until the position is filled.**

Weber State University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply. A criminal background check is required as a condition of employment.