Assistant Professor of Sociology, Tenure-Track
Department of Social Sciences
Michigan Tech University

Position

Assistant Professor, tenure track, entry-level, nine-month position beginning August 15, 2013. Competitive salary. The Department offers undergraduate, M.S., and Ph.D. degrees. The successful candidate must be able to contribute across these program areas.

Required Qualifications

Ph.D. in Sociology or a closely related field by August 15, 2013.

Preferred Qualifications

We are seeking an assistant professor of sociology to join the Department of Social Sciences at Michigan Technological University. The area of specialization is open. Candidates whose research and teaching interests articulate with one of our graduate programs (MS and PhD) in either Environmental and Energy Policy or Industrial Archaeology are preferred. Experience and interest in social justice, international contexts, interdisciplinary collaboration, or quantitative methods would strengthen the candidate’s application. Applicants who can contribute to existing and emerging department and university strengths are welcome.

The successful candidate will demonstrate a strong research record and agenda, as well as potential for securing external funding. Teaching experience is strongly preferred. The successful candidate will be expected to teach two courses per term, usually two to three undergraduate courses and one to two graduate courses each calendar year. Teaching Introduction to Sociology (enrollment 30-80 students) is required. Additional courses may be standard lower level sociology courses or other undergraduate and graduate courses within the candidate’s specialty area. All department faculty are expected to participate in instruction, to develop a program of publication and externally-funded research, to be engaged in our graduate program(s) and to be active in service. We seek candidates who can work effectively and collegially in an interdisciplinary university setting with a professionally diverse faculty.

Department & University

The Department of Social Sciences consists of seventeen tenured and tenure-track faculty and offers B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees. Our faculty represent diverse disciplinary backgrounds within the social sciences. The Department offers undergraduate degree programs in anthropology, history, and social science and M.S. and Ph.D. programs in Environmental and Energy Policy and in Industrial Archaeology; contributes to campus-wide general education; and participates in the largest Peace Corps Master’s International Program in the nation.

Michigan Tech is a mid-sized public research university (RU/H) with approximately 7,000 undergraduate and graduate students from across the nation and around the world. These students
enroll in 130 degree programs in arts, humanities, and social sciences; business and economics; computing; engineering; forestry and environmental science; natural and physical sciences; and technology. Michigan Tech is ranked in the top tier of national universities according to U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges 2011” and received “Best in the Midwest” honors in Princeton Review’s The Best 373 Colleges, 2011 Edition. Our university values cross-disciplinary faculty and student contributions to global sustainability. A number of centers and institutes, including the Sustainable Futures Institute, Center for Water and Society, Ecosystem Science Center, connect faculty researching and teaching on many environmental topics. Social Sciences faculty regularly participate through research projects with colleagues from diverse disciplines across the university, particularly benefitting from university strengths in engineering, forestry and environmental sciences.

Houghton/Hancock

Michigan Tech is located in Houghton, MI in the heart of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Houghton is rated as one of the Top 10 summer travel destinations, as well as one of the Top 10 outdoor adventure spots in the country for our bike trails, Olympic-caliber cross country ski trails, Lake Superior shoreline, and numerous inland lakes and rivers. Situated on the hills bordering the beautiful Portage Waterway and only minutes from several Lake Superior beaches, the area offers a bounty of cultural and recreational opportunities. The historic downtown waterfront provides unique shopping, dining, and cultural opportunities in addition to serving as the mainland headquarters for Isle Royale National Park. Local schools are known for their high quality and commitment to being one of the top five districts for student performance in the state of Michigan. The Houghton County Memorial Airport offers jet service to and from Chicago twice daily on United Airlines. This environment, combined with a competitive compensation package, results in an excellent quality of life.

Application

Applications will be reviewed starting November 15, 2012. Full consideration will be given to applications received by that date. Interested candidates should complete the online application at https://www.jobs.mtu.edu/postings/679 and upload required materials including: (1) a brief letter of interest, (2) Curriculum Vitae, (3) research statement, and (4) names and contact information for three to five references. Letters of reference will be requested for candidates making the short list.

Please direct inquiries to Richelle Winkler at rwinkler@mtu.edu or (906) 487-1886.

Michigan Tech is an ADVANCE institution, one of a limited number of universities in receipt of NSF funds in support of our commitment to increase diversity and the participation and advancement of women in STEM. The university is also in its sixth year of a strategic faculty hiring initiative (see www.mtu.edu/sfhi). We have a Dual Career Program which assists departments with partner orientation to the university and identification of possible positions for partners (see www.dual.mtu.edu).

Michigan Technological University is an Equal Opportunity Educational Institution/Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications from women and minorities are encouraged.