



Department of Wood Science & Engineering
Oregon State University

Assistant/Associate Professor of Timber Engineering

The Department of Wood Science & Engineering invites applications for a full-time 12-month tenure-track faculty position as Assistant or Associate Professor. To be appointed at the Associate Professor level, a candidate must have sufficient experience to qualify for promotion according to Oregon State University's promotion guidelines.

Position Description: The position expectations are approximately 80% research and 20% teaching and service. The expected focus of the research component is on developing a nationally-recognized research program in the engineering use of wood as a structural material. Teaching responsibilities will include undergraduate and graduate-level courses in wood engineering, mechanics and related areas. The successful candidate will be expected to generate extramural funding, recruit and mentor graduate students, publish their work in refereed journals and other outlets, and actively participate in meetings of professional societies and similar venues. Service to the institution and to the profession will also be expected. Cooperation and collaboration with colleagues in the department, across campus and with other organizations, including industrial stakeholders, is expected. Salary is competitive and will be commensurate with the experience of the applicant. Benefits package includes several options for health/dental/life insurance, retirement, as well as a new program of reduced tuition for dependants (some restrictions apply).

Qualifications: PhD in wood science, timber engineering, civil engineering (structures), architectural engineering or a related field with some experience with wood structures and the use of wood-based engineering materials. Strong oral and written communications skills, problem-solving skills, and the ability to effectively interact with people at all levels of university, industry and private sectors. Potential for achieving joint graduate faculty status in civil engineering. Teaching and mentoring skills that enable learning by undergraduate and graduate students. Interpersonal and communication skills that foster collaboration and collegiality. Preferred qualifications include a demonstrable commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity, experience with design or construction of wood structures, professional engineering registration.

University, College, and Community: OSU is one of only two American universities to hold the Land Grant, Sea Grant, Sun Grant, and Space Grant designation and is a Carnegie Doctoral/Research-Extensive university. OSU is located in Corvallis, a community of 53,000 people situated in the Willamette Valley between Portland and Eugene. Ocean beaches, lakes, rivers, forests, high desert, the rugged Cascade and Coast Ranges, and the urban amenities of the Portland metropolitan area are all within a 100-mile drive of Corvallis. Approximately 15,700 undergraduate and 3,400 graduate students are enrolled at OSU, including 2,600 U.S. students of color and 950 international students.

The university has an institution-wide commitment to diversity, multiculturalism, and community. We actively engage in recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce and student body that includes members of historically underrepresented groups. We strive to build and sustain a welcoming and supportive campus environment. OSU provides outstanding leadership opportunities for people interested in promoting and enhancing diversity, nurturing creativity, and building community.

The Department of Wood Science & Engineering is home to one of the largest comprehensive wood science and technology faculty in North America. It is housed in state-of-the-art research facilities including the Gene Knudson Wood Engineering Laboratory and other structural and materials science facilities. The Department offers an accredited BS degree and MS and PhD programs. It is a component of the College of Forestry, a top-ranked natural resource organization with over 100 faculty. We enjoy close relations with other campus units and with a wide variety of industrial manufacturers and research programs that are located nearby. Additional information about the department can be found at <http://woodscience.oregonstate.edu>.

To Apply: Send a letter of application, a current vitae, and the names, titles, postal addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers of three professional references who can speak to your potential for this position. The letter of application should include a statement of interest that addresses how your skills, abilities and experience meet the required qualifications and will lead to success in this position. For full consideration apply by January 15, 2006. Inquiries and applications should be sent to:

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