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The Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Missouri, Columbia (MU; <https://physics.missouri.edu/>), invites applications for a faculty position in applied physics at the tenure-track Assistant Professor level, beginning on August 1, 2026.

We seek candidates who will establish a vigorous, externally funded research program at the forefront of applied physics and who will train the next generation of professionals for science and technology careers. Research areas will be considered broadly and may include, but are not limited to, condensed-matter physics, soft-matter and biophysics, quantum science and technology, photonics, and device physics. We are particularly interested in applicants whose research complements the department's existing strength in condensed matter and biophysics. Our program benefits from, and has strong connections to, a number of campus resources, including the MU Materials Science and Engineering Institute (<https://mse.missouri.edu/>), a new state-of-the-art Electron Microscopy Advanced Technology Core (<https://research.missouri.edu/electron-microscopy>) , and the MU Research Reactor (MURR; <https://www.murr.missouri.edu>).

A Ph.D. in physics, applied physics, or a closely related field by the time of appointment is required; postdoctoral or equivalent professional experience is preferred.

Please apply online at: <https://hr.missouri.edu/job-openings> (Job Opening ID 57617). Merge your CV with a brief cover letter and upload the document in the Resume/CV section of the application. Applications should also include a statement of research plans (5 page limit) and a statement of teaching and mentoring plans, including evidence of effective teaching (3 page limit), along with the names and contact information of three references.

For further inquiries regarding the position, please contact Professor Suchi Guha at guhas@missouri.edu. Contact Andrew Longley (Andrew.longley@umsystem.edu) for any questions about the application process.

Review of applications will begin on December 1, 2025, and will continue until the position is filled.

Benefit Eligibility

This position is eligible for University benefits. The University offers a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental and vision plans, retirement, and educational fee discounts. For additional information on University benefits, please visit the Faculty & Staff Benefits website at <http://www.umsystem.edu/totalrewards/benefits>

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