



# California State University, Chico

Today Decides Tomorrow

## The University

California State University, Chico is a fully accredited, state-supported member of a 23-campus CSU system. The university is a residential campus serving a diverse student body of approximately 16,000.

Founded in 1887, CSU, Chico offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the Colleges of Behavioral and Social Sciences; Communication and Education; Computer Science, Engineering and Construction Management; Humanities and Fine Arts; Natural Sciences; Business; and, Agriculture.

As a comprehensive university serving Northern California and other regions nationally and internationally, our first priority is the education of our students. We are committed to assisting students in their search for knowledge and understanding and to prepare them with the attitudes, skills and habits of lifelong learning in order to assume responsibility in a democratic community and global society.

## The Community

With a population of nearly 110,000, Chico is located in the Sacramento Valley near the foothills of the Sierra Nevadas. It is 180 miles northeast of San Francisco and 90 miles north of Sacramento and offers a reasonable cost of living compared to metropolitan areas.

Chico retains the charm of a small town while offering medical services, excellent public and private schools, and many cultural and recreational activities. The city's Bidwell Park, one of the largest municipal parks, extends from the city center along a creek deep into the foothills and surrounding canyons. For more: [www.csuchico.edu/pa/chico-facts.shtml](http://www.csuchico.edu/pa/chico-facts.shtml)

## Assistant or Associate Professor, Biology Education Department of Science Education, College of Natural Sciences

**The Position:** With a commitment to establishing a national model for science education, the Department of Science Education is seeking a tenure track assistant or associate professor to start August, 2014. California State University, Chico is seeking faculty who are competent in their field, collaborative with colleagues and staff, and committed to student success. Position is contingent on funding. **As a university that educates students of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds, we value a diverse faculty and staff. Chico welcomes applicants who are knowledgeable about and interested in working within a cross-cultural learning environment. We also welcome those who share a passion and commitment to the University's Strategic Priorities** <http://www.csuchico.edu/vpaa/wasc/StrategicPrior/>.

### Minimum Qualifications:

- Either a doctorate in science education (EDD) with substantive experience and training in life science (e.g. masters degree, research experience, etc.) or a doctorate in life science (PhD) with substantive experience and training in science education (e.g. masters degree in education, training and experience leading teacher professional development, etc.).
- Evidence of superior quality teaching.
- A commitment to working with preservice and inservice teachers.
- Capacity or potential for excellence in research, writing, pursuing external funding, or other scholarly activities in science education and/or teacher professional development.

Candidates are subject to a criminal records check.

### Preferred Qualifications:

- Middle or high school level teaching experience.
- A passion for mentoring and supporting future single subject science teachers.
- Demonstrated leadership in designing, implementing, and assessing teacher professional development programs.
- A commitment to building University, school and community partnerships in science education.

### Responsibilities:

- Teaching science courses for undergraduates and preservice K-12 teachers in a manner that exemplifies best practices in science education.
- Developing new courses and programs for mentoring and supporting future middle and high school science teachers.
- Expanding current efforts to support inservice science teachers in the North State region.
- Engaging in scholarly activity in science education (eg. grant writing, research, publication, etc.).
- Contributing to the growth and development of the Department of Science Education through active service on departmental committees and other service.

Responsibilities do NOT include supervision of student teachers.

**The Department:** The Department of Science Education at CSU, Chico is a crucible for innovation and research in science teaching and learning. We serve as a model of excellence in science teacher education in California. Since coming together in 2007, our award-winning faculty have won over \$3.8 million in grant funding; completely redesigned the course sequence for future elementary teachers; established a brand-new majors program for future middle school science teachers, outdoor educators, and museum educators (with 38 majors and growing); cultivated a cross-disciplinary community of researchers engaged in discipline based education research; developed strong partnerships with the Gateway Science Museum and the Center for Math and Science Education; diversified our teacher professional development efforts; and expanded our early practicum experiences for future teachers. For more information, visit <http://www.csuchico.edu/sced/>

**Salary:** Salary commensurate with education and experience.

**Closing Date:** Review of applications will begin on December 1, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled.

**How to Apply:** Applications must include: (1) a detailed cover letter describing the applicant's background and why she or he would be interested in joining the department, (2) a full curriculum vitae, (3) a one-page statement of teaching philosophy (4) a one-page statement addressing the applicant's expertise in fulfilling one or more of the job responsibilities, (5) three letters of recommendation, (6) a complete set of transcripts, and (7) an Application for Academic Employment Form, which is available on-line at <http://www.csuchico.edu/faaf/facultyrecruit/facultyapplication.docx>

Please send your complete application to:

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For disability related accommodations please call the ADA Coordinator at (530) 898-6771.

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