



## **Assistant Professor of Biology**

Kentucky Wesleyan College, a private, liberal arts college with a long-standing reputation for quality and academic excellence, is seeking applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Biology for the 2023-2024 academic year. Kentucky Wesleyan provides a challenging and supportive academic experience, a positive work environment, and a stimulating culture. Kentucky Wesleyan produces highly qualified graduates who become successful professionals in the career of their choice and valuable members of their communities.

This is a nine-month, tenure track position. The start date is August 15, 2023. Responsibilities include teaching a variety of upper- and lower-level Biology courses, supervising faculty-student research, and working with other faculty to develop the Biology program to its full potential. Applicants must have a commitment to undergraduate teaching and a specialty in the field of microbiology.

### **Major Responsibilities**

- Teach a variety of courses to Biology and Pre-Nursing students including but not limited to Microbiology I and II, Medical Microbiology, and Immunology.
- A willingness to teach and support introductory level courses for majors and non-majors.
- Serve as the KWC Biosafety Officer.
- Encourage and oversee relevant faculty-student research.
- Advise students.
- Contribute your professional expertise to the college and larger external community.

### **Qualifications**

- Ph.D. in Microbiology or a related discipline.
- A strong commitment to teaching, mentoring, and working with undergraduate students and a passion for providing an exceptional classroom experience for students.
- A commitment to involving undergraduates in research.
- Enthusiastic and dynamic personality.
- Effective communication skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively.
- A desire to contribute professional expertise to the college and larger external community.
- Evidence of successful collegiate teaching experience.

## **Employee Benefits**

This full-time position has access to a full range of employee benefits, including health, dental, vision, and life insurance; retirement plans. Due to the college's not-for-profit status, employees of Kentucky Wesleyan may be able to receive loan forgiveness under the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program of the US Department of Education.

## **Application Process**

To apply, complete the online application at <https://kwc.edu/application-for-employment/>. As part of the online application, please include a letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching philosophy, plan for undergraduate research, references, and an unofficial transcript of highest degree as indicated online.

Review of application materials will begin November 15 and will continue until the position is filled. Questions regarding the search process can be directed to Dr. Cindy Wolfe, Biology Program Coordinator, at [cindy.wolfe@kwc.edu](mailto:cindy.wolfe@kwc.edu).

An official transcript for the highest degree awarded will be required of the hired candidate, as will a background check. Incoming employees must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless a reasonable accommodation for medical or religious reasons is requested and approved. The College will not sponsor applicants for work visas.

Kentucky Wesleyan College is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to attracting qualified candidates from underrepresented groups.

## **Additional Information**

### *About Kentucky Wesleyan College*

Kentucky Wesleyan College is a private, four-year liberal arts institution located in the vibrant city of Owensboro. A United Methodist-related college founded in 1858, Wesleyan is known for excellence in academics and a superior residential experience. Kentucky Wesleyan earned a #8 ranking in 2017 from U.S. News & World Report as a Best Regional College in the South, along with a #3 ranking in the South in the category of "Great Schools, Great Prices," which measures academic quality compared to cost of attendance.

Kentucky Wesleyan students can choose from 29 majors and 13 pre-professional programs. Classes have a 12-to-1 student-faculty ratio, and 88 percent of the faculty have a Ph.D. or terminal degree. The College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate degrees.

The Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers compete in NCAA Division II and are charter members of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference comprising teams from Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, and Tennessee. Athletic teams include baseball, basketball, bowling, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling.

The College employs approximately 200 faculty and staff who work together on a single campus. Kentucky Wesleyan provides a challenging and supportive academic experience for students as well as a positive and stimulating work environment for employees.

A hallmark of the Kentucky Wesleyan experience includes “The Wesleyan Way,” beliefs which guide the entire college community:

- We do everything with honor.
- We always support each other.
- We will compete with integrity.
- We love each other in Christ.

Kentucky Wesleyan College values the unique contributions of all members of our campus community. As part of our mission to prepare future leaders intellectually, spiritually, and physically, we strive to provide an atmosphere that encourages and challenges all members of the Kentucky Wesleyan College campus community to exhibit an understanding and appreciation of cultural and human differences. We are committed to being a community that reflects the diversity of our larger society. We expect all members of our institution to actively create and maintain an inclusive learning and living environment that embraces diversity in all forms, including race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, socio-economic status, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, religion, and thought.

#### About Owensboro, KY

Kentucky Wesleyan College is in the hospitable city of Owensboro, Kentucky, a vibrant, beautiful, and safe city nestled on the banks of the Ohio River. Owensboro is small enough to promote a hometown atmosphere yet large enough to support many amenities usually only available in much larger cities. Daviess County is home to 110,000 residents and is easily accessible from metropolitan locations such as Louisville, KY; Nashville, TN; and St. Louis, MO.

Owensboro’s revitalized downtown area features a state-of-the-art convention center, several new hotels, and a range of entertainment options with unique restaurants and shops. Twenty-five parks, totaling 953 acres, encircle the city, which hosts over 20 annual festivals – attracting visitors from throughout the region.

#### Suggested Websites

Additional information about Kentucky Wesleyan College, the Panthers, and the Owensboro community may be found at:

- <https://www.kwc.edu/>
- <http://www.kwcpanters.com/>
- <http://www.owensboro.org/>
- <https://edc.owensboro.com/>
- <https://visitowensboro.com/>

