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Assistant Professor of Psychology

The **Department of Psychology** at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Psychology in the field of biological psychology/neuroscience beginning in fall 2025.

At Wofford College, the psychology department is part of the sciences and psychology majors earn a Bachelor of Science degree. All coursework has an empirical focus and we strive to incorporate research within and outside of the classroom, including a required semester-long senior thesis course that allows faculty to conduct research within their own area of expertise within the teaching load. Our major attracts high-quality students, having maintained a high-percentile rank (top 15%) on the Major Field Test in Psychology compared with other institutions over the last 15 years. As a department, we place high value on faculty-student relationships, as can be seen through our student-led Psychology Society that organizes academic, social and service events. Faculty enjoy a supportive and engaged work environment.

EXPECTATIONS

At Wofford, faculty are teacher-scholars with a high aptitude and interest in undergraduate teaching and advising, community outreach and a commitment to the liberal arts. The successful candidate will teach a mixture of required core and upper-level courses. The new faculty member is expected to teach the introductory 200-level survey course, **Biological Psychology**, with a laboratory component that includes sheep brain neuroanatomy and BIOPAC neurophysiological laboratory experiments. The new faculty member will also be expected to occasionally teach Introduction to Psychological Science with a laboratory component (also a general education course) and other introductory psychology courses. Upper-level teaching expectations include elective lecture and laboratory courses in the candidate's area of expertise and senior thesis.

The successful candidate is expected to develop an active research program that engages undergraduate students in peer-reviewed publication-quality experiments. We welcome and can support animal research models. All psychology faculty teach a section of senior thesis with a team of students working within the professor's research area. This allows some faculty research to be conducted as part of the teaching load. Read more about our **senior thesis research**.

Wofford's faculty teach 3-1-3 load when they are teaching 3-credit courses; 2-1-2 load for 4-credit (lab) courses. The 1 in the teaching load indicates the **January Interim** term during which professors may travel with students or teach on a variety of topics using experiential teaching methods. Wofford provides opportunity for a sabbatical (one semester plus Interim) after every six years of service. To earn tenure after six years, faculty are expected to demonstrate excellence in teaching, continued scholarly development and service to the college.

QUALIFICATIONS

A Ph.D. in psychology, neuroscience or a closely related field is required. Preference will be given to candidates with teaching experience at the collegiate level and to those with experience utilizing an animal research model.

APPLICATION

Applications are currently being reviewed and will continue to be reviewed on a rolling basis. All applications received by October 7, 2024, will receive full consideration. To apply, please submit the following materials to **psychologysearch@wofford.edu**:

- (1) A current curriculum vitae.
- (2) Three letters of recommendation.
- (3) Samples of published scholarly work.
- (4) An application letter that includes statements of your teaching philosophy (including an articulation of interest in and understanding of working at a residential liberal arts college, a statement that describes how your approach to teaching and scholarship would contribute to the college's goal of creating a richly diverse and welcoming educational environment and a list of courses that you are qualified to teach along with evidence for such qualification) and research interests (including a description of a research plan that could incorporate undergraduate student researchers at Wofford).

Questions can be directed to search chair Dr. Katherine Steinmetz at **steinmetzkr@wofford.edu** or 864-597-4643.

EEO STATEMENT

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