

Dear Dr.....,

It is with great pleasure that I announce an opening for a faculty position in the Department of [XXX Sciences]. Due to your extensive experience and accomplishments in mentoring young scientists, we seek your advice in identifying highly qualified candidates. UNL is committed to excellence in teaching and scholarship, and to building a faculty that reflects the diversity of both its students and the careers for which it is preparing them.

The individual we seek should have broad training in the [XXX science] disciplines to complement and enhance interdisciplinary groups with diverse expertise in...[broad areas]. The candidate should have a keen commitment to innovative teaching and research and proven record of accomplishments as evidenced by a strong publication record and teaching experience. The candidate should also be willing to make a commitment to improving access to higher education for disadvantaged students through teaching or mentoring activities. While preference will be given to applicants at the assistant professor level, outstanding candidates at more senior levels are also invited to apply. A minimum of the Ph.D. degree is required for appointment at the assistant professor level. The search committee will begin accepting application immediately. Review will begin [30-60 days after advertising] and will continue until [the position is filled].

Within UNL multiple opportunities are available to participate in interdisciplinary teams to enhance and encourage research and educational objectives. The University and surrounding community also offer excellent recreational opportunities, outstanding primary and secondary schools, and an attractive cost of living. The University of Nebraska has an active National Science Foundation ADVANCE gender equity program, and is committed to a pluralistic campus community through affirmative action, equal opportunity, work-life balance, and dual careers.

Sincerely,

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Professor and Chair