W. Gerald Austen Endowed Chair in Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering  
The University of Akron  
Job #12109

The University of Akron, College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering seeks to fill the W. Gerald Austen Endowed Chair in Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering faculty position at the Associate or Full Professor rank beginning in August 2020. The ideal candidate would lead an active research program in Biomaterials broadly defined but the following areas would be of particular interest: addressing current and emerging biomedical needs through biomaterials design, interfacing synthetic biology and biomaterials, biomaterial focused advancement of tissue engineering, and biomaterials related areas focused on convergence research.

The faculty member recruited as the W. Gerald Austen Endowed Chair is expected to have a track record of leadership in Biomaterials as demonstrated by their research productivity and funding, publications, mentorship of students, teaching and service to their institution. The candidate is expected to work collaboratively within the institution and across institutions. In addition to bringing a highly visible funded research program in biomaterials, the successful applicant will be expected to direct graduate and undergraduate student research; teach at the graduate and undergraduate levels; and contribute to the functioning of the department, college, and university through service on committees, centers, and outreach activities.

The University of Akron, with 19,000 students, has a world-class history in polymer science and polymer engineering dating back to 1910. The Department of Polymer Science (DPS) is part of the College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering. DPS currently has 18 full time faculty and 214 full time graduate students. Applicants need to complete an on-line application at www.uakron.edu/hr/job-openings/openings.dot and submit an application package that describes their vision for the position, plans for the research program that they will bring to the University and how it aligns with current research in the department. In addition, the application package should include their teaching, mentoring and service portfolio. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Questions regarding the position should be directed to the Chair of the Search Committee (abraham@uakron.edu).

The University of Akron is an Equal Education and Employment Institution. The University is committed to fostering careers of diverse candidates. Women and minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or status as a protected veteran.