Michigan Technological University invites applications for an Associate or Full Professor to serve as Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences to begin in the 2013-2014 academic year. The successful applicant will have an externally funded research program that complements existing departmental research strengths. The Chair must balance the research program with the administrative responsibilities of this position, which includes managing the academic and financial affairs of the department. Preference will be given to applicants having administrative experience in an academic setting with strong undergraduate and graduate (MS and PhD) programs.

Formal review of applications will begin on November 1, 2012 and will continue until the position is filled. Detailed information concerning the department and university can be viewed at www.mtu.edu/biological/chair. Direct inquiries to Susan Bagley, Search Committee Chair (chairsearchbio@mtu.edu). Applicants must send a PDF file with the following items to chairsearchbio@mtu.edu: letter of interest that discusses applicant’s approach to balancing research and administration; curriculum vitae; statements of research interests, graduate and undergraduate educational philosophies, and approach to administration; and names and contact information of four references.

The Department of Biological Sciences (www.mtu.edu/biological) consists of 18 full-time faculty members, 4 full-time staff, and additional research and educational personnel. The department offers four undergraduate degrees as well as a MS and PhD in Biological Sciences and PhD in the new interdisciplinary program in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. The current enrollment is approximately 270 undergraduate and 40 graduate students, of which over 60% are PhD candidates. The Department’s faculty, graduate student, and research spaces are located in the Dow Environmental Sciences and Engineering Building (1998) and in the new Great Lakes Research Center (2012; greatlakes.mtu.edu). Additional information concerning the department, including research areas and facilities, can be found at the departmental website (www.mtu.edu/biological). The university also has 22 active research centers and institutes (http://goo.gl/Yi3SX), which provide interdisciplinary opportunities and resources for faculty, staff, and students.

Michigan Tech is a publicly funded university, with a science/technology focus, located in Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula. The university is composed of the College of Sciences and Arts, College of Engineering, and the Schools of Business and Economics, Forest Resources and Environmental Sciences, and Technology. Currently 485 faculty members are engaged in over 30 academic programs with more than 5700 residential undergraduate students and a growing population of graduate students, currently numbering 1300.
Michigan Tech, established in 1885, is one of the state's four public research universities. It is ranked in the top tier of national universities, according to the *U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges 2012."* Princeton Review's "Best 361 Colleges" recently ranked the university a "tech powerhouse." The university is rated as one of the safest college campuses in the United States. Twenty-five percent of incoming students ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class and a recent national survey of high school guidance counselors conducted by Collegiate Information Services lists Michigan Tech as one of the top three colleges and universities in Michigan in providing the highest quality education.

Michigan Tech is located in Houghton, MI on the south shore of Lake Superior. Houghton was recently named one of the 100 best small towns in America and the local community provides excellent resources conducive to quality family life. This area is known for natural beauty, pleasant summers, abundant snowfall, and numerous all-season outdoor activities. The University maintains its own downhill and cross-country ski facilities adjacent to campus and a nearby golf course. Numerous cultural activities and opportunities are available on campus and in the community.

Links for more information about the university and its surrounding areas of Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw counties:

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- Home Page ([http://www.mtu.edu/](http://www.mtu.edu/))
- Campus Profile ([http://www.mtu.edu/campus/](http://www.mtu.edu/campus/))
- Graduate School ([http://www.mtu.edu/gradschool/](http://www.mtu.edu/gradschool/))
- Research ([http://www.mtu.edu/research/](http://www.mtu.edu/research/))
- Recreation ([http://www.mtu.edu/recreation/](http://www.mtu.edu/recreation/))
- Webcams ([http://www.mtu.edu/webcams/](http://www.mtu.edu/webcams/))

Local area and attractions

- City of Hancock ([http://www.cityofhancock.com/](http://www.cityofhancock.com/))
- National Park Service: Keweenaw National Historical Park ([http://www.nps.gov/kewe](http://www.nps.gov/kewe))
- National Park Service: Isle Royale National Park ([http://www.nps.gov/isro](http://www.nps.gov/isro))
Business organizations:

- Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance (http://kedabiz.com/)
- Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce (http://www.keweenaw.org/)

Michigan Tech is an Equal Opportunity Educational Institution/Equal Opportunity Employer. We have a Dual Career Assistance Program (DCAP), which assists departments with partner orientation to the university and community and identification of possible positions for partners (see www.dual.mtu.edu).

Michigan Tech is also an ADVANCE institution, one of a limited number of universities in receipt of NSF funds in support of our commitment to increase diversity and the participation and advancement of women in STEM.

The university is in the sixth year of a strategic faculty hiring initiative (see www.mtu.edu/sfhi); the current initiatives relate to Water and Transportation. Previous initiatives focused on Sustainability, Health, Energy, and Computation.