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Dear Department Chair:

I am writing to apprise you of an opening for a tenured/tenure track faculty position in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) that we hope to fill for the Fall 2014 semester. The position is for an Analytical Chemist, very broadly defined (including bio-analytical, materials, energy related research, etc.) with an ability to cover analytical teaching requirements at both the graduate (Ph.D. and M.S.) and undergraduate levels (e.g., Quantitative Analysis, Instrumental Analysis and electives courses). We anticipate filling this position at either the Assistant or Associate Professor level, though all interested applicants are encouraged to apply.

UMBC is a mid-size "Doctoral/Research Extensive" Institution and the Department (approximately 20 research faculty, 60 graduate students and 350 undergraduate majors) grants ACS accredited BA, BS, MS and Ph.D. degrees in Chemistry and Biochemistry. The research faculty are actively engaged in externally supported investigations at the cutting edges of all of the sub-disciplines of chemistry as well as numerous cross-disciplinary efforts. Ample laboratory space and offices reside in the 6-story Meyerhoff Chemistry Building for which major renovations were completed in 2005. We also jointly administer, with the University of Maryland Professional Schools campus, UMB, a Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Ph.D. program that purveys an additional cadre of colleagues for interactions and collaborations as well as a further pool of highly talented graduate students.

The University is located on a suburban campus just south of Baltimore, 35 miles north of Washington D.C. and thus enjoys all of the cultural amenities afforded by both urban centers while benefiting from the modest costs of living of the Baltimore metropolitan area. The region boasts some of the finest public school systems in the nation. Close proximity to the nation’s capitol as well as that of Maryland and major government laboratories (e.g., NIH, NIST, ARL, NRL, etc.) make this locale an outstanding opportunity for two-career couples.

I am contacting you in hopes that you can bring this opportunity to the attention of suitably qualified individuals with whom you are familiar. Thank you in advance for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Brian Cullum
Chair, Search Committee