



August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**RE: Seeking Applicants for Synthetic and Physical Biology Faculty Positions**

Dear Colleague,

As part of the Rice University Vision for the Second Century (V2C2), which is focused on investment and growth in research excellence across science and engineering, Rice University is inviting applications for multiple newly created faculty positions in the area of Synthetic Biology, starting as early as July 1, 2019. Preference will be given to candidates at the assistant professor level but those at associate and full professor levels will also be considered.

Rice is committing significant resources to growth in Synthetic Biology, building upon our existing nucleus of researchers in this area, who are connected through the interdisciplinary program in Systems, Synthetic, and Physical Biology (<https://sspb.rice.edu>). Rice represents a unique environment with state-of-the-art infrastructure for basic and translational bioengineering and bioscience.

Applicants are intended to be scientists or engineers of exceptional promise and creativity. Successful candidates will drive dynamic, innovative, and independent research programs and will excel in teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels, thereby embracing Rice's culture and commitment to excellence, innovation, and diversity.

Ideal candidates will develop research programs that utilize experimental and/or theoretical approaches for fundamental and applied studies that are interdisciplinary. Candidates will be hired into different departments on campus, including bioengineering, biosciences, chemical and biomolecular engineering, and other related disciplines.

To apply, applicants should submit the following online (<http://jobs.rice.edu/postings/16363>): (1) cover letter, including names and contact information for three references, (2) curriculum vitae, (3) research statement, and (4) statement of teaching philosophy. Application review will commence no later than October 1, 2018 and continue until the positions are filled.

We write to ask for your help in sharing this opportunity with outstanding rising scholars at your institution. Individuals interested in getting more information about these positions should contact us as the co-chairs of this search.

Sincerely,

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