Visiting Assistant Professor of Astronomy

Swarthmore College, a selective liberal arts college just outside Philadelphia, is seeking an astronomer interested in teaching small classes of enthusiastic students as a visiting assistant professor, beginning in fall 2016. The position is for one year. The Physics and Astronomy Department at Swarthmore has seven physicists, two astronomers, and roughly 15 students per class year in the physics or astrophysics majors. The college and the department value committed, excellent teaching. The teaching load is two classes and one lab, or two labs and one class, per semester, mostly in introductory and upper-level astronomy. Members of the department are active researchers and involve students in their research. Swarthmore College's mission combines academic rigor with social responsibility. Swarthmore has a strong institutional commitment to inclusive excellence through diversity in its educational program and employment practices. The College actively seeks and welcomes applications from candidates with exceptional qualifications, particularly those with demonstrable commitments to a more inclusive society and world. Information about the department, including the astronomy curriculum and research areas of current faculty, is available at http://physics.swarthmore.edu. Candidates should submit a statement describing their teaching experience and how they envision contributing to the department’s astronomy curriculum, and a separate statement describing their research (in terms non-experts can understand), including plans for involving Swarthmore undergraduates in their research. Candidates should also submit a CV and arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent separately. Application materials should be submitted through AcademicJobsOnline at https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/6942. Review of applications will begin March 1, 2016.