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Upper School Chemistry Instructor

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About Woodberry

Woodberry Forest School is one of the nation's premier independent boarding schools for boys in grades nine through twelve. Located on 1,200 beautiful acres in Madison County, Virginia, near Charlottesville and Washington, DC, Woodberry is an all-residential school, enrolling approximately 390 students, from the United States and abroad. Since its founding in 1889, Woodberry Forest has become recognized internationally as a leader in the education of boys. Students are carefully selected from an outstanding group of strong applicants. The 85 faculty, almost all of whom live on campus, are men and women with varied backgrounds and many years of classroom experience.

A Woodberry Forest education, centered on a century-old student-run honor system, is grounded in two core principles: Intellectual Thoroughness and Moral Integrity. Lying, cheating, and stealing are not tolerated. Woodberry's emphasis on high moral standards profoundly shapes the personal growth of every student and creates an atmosphere of trust that's visible, for example, in the backpacks, skateboards and tablets/laptops left unattended all over campus.

Woodberry places great emphasis on international experience and has its own summer programs in Cuba, Spain, China, England (Oxford), Nicaragua, and the Galapagos Islands. The school has formal student exchange programs with three distinguished boarding schools for boys in South Africa.

All Woodberry graduates pursue higher education at some of the nation's most selective colleges and universities. Woodberry alumni are leaders in business, public service and non-profit endeavors worldwide as well as enthusiastic and generous supporters of the institution.



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The Position

Woodberry Forest School announces a search for a compelling, passionate and innovative Upper School Chemistry Instructor, to begin teaching in August of 2019. The preferred candidate has meaningful teaching experience in the chemistry classroom, and an advanced degree in Chemistry or related field in the sciences or engineering. The ability to teach an additional course in Biology, Physics, or Environmental Science is a plus, but is certainly not required. This person will be joining an already talented and stable science department and will be tasked with infusing the science department with expertise and excellence in chemistry. Creating opportunities to make chemistry exciting for the boys is paramount.

Woodberry Forest is a “physics-first” school. Students begin the science curriculum with Conceptual Physics, a required course for third formers (freshmen.) For students entering Woodberry in the third-form year, the normal sequence of courses is to take Conceptual Physics in the third form, Chemistry in the fourth form, and Biology in the fifth form — completing the required sequence. Sixth formers looking to enhance their science experience can take on Biology Research or Physics Research courses, or electives in engineering or environmental science. Boys who come to Woodberry in their fourth-form year, and who have taken biology in a previous school, will normally take chemistry as fourth formers and physics as fifth formers.

The Manning Family Science Building, opened in the Fall of 2012, was designed largely by Woodberry Forest Science Teachers. The building is one of the school’s more prominent buildings on campus, rising three stories above ground. It blends the school’s traditional red-brick-and-column style with modern glass expanses. Among the exterior instructional details are two greenhouses on the southern side of the building, one attached to each biology lab.

Woodberry’s physics first science curriculum inspired the arrangement of the classrooms and labs. The carpeted top floor hosts third formers learning about physics, the study of chemistry is housed one floor down, and then biology on the ground floor. The second floor of the building holds two chemistry classroom/laboratories, and other collaborative areas. Some of the collaborative spaces are enclosed and outfitted with mini-labs, conference tables, and white boards.

The Chemistry Instructor will teach three sections of chemistry and be comfortable with leading laboratory work. The school’s weekly schedule offers a 3-course teaching load; one 45-minute class and two 90 min. blocks/week (for a total of 225 min./week). The school is contemplating a “3 course Plus” model to create collaborative teaching opportunities for faculty to work together on a science research course or an elective course. The 90 min. blocks taught across the department allow ample time to engage in hands-on classroom and laboratory activities. A familiarity with a Modeling teaching approach is attractive, but not required. The Science department has plentiful funding to promote the development of lab-centered inquiry and activities. The ideal candidate will be eager to contribute to an academically vibrant science department and school community.



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All teachers at Woodberry Forest School are asked to advise 6-8 students. Teachers in their first year at the school are generally asked to advise 3-4 students. Other responsibilities will include dormitory duty, as almost all faculty reside on campus, which requires “on-duty” dormitory and study hall supervision one out of every nine days. Association and participation in the afternoon program, including coaching two of three seasons, and/or leading the Science Olympiad program, Debate or other extracurricular clubs/activities at the school, will be expected. As an all-boarding community, that embraces the power of meaningful relationships, the school holds three community seated dinners/week and an all school chapel service on Monday evenings.

Woodberry Forest School is an equal opportunity employer.

To Apply

If interested, please email a letter of interest and updated resume to Mr. Todd Gochman, Placement Associate, tgochman@carneysandoe.com or Ms. Seliat Dairo, Placement Counselor, seliat.dairo@carneysandoe.com.

Please include “Woodberry Forest School- Chemistry Instructor” in the subject of your email. Please feel free and call (617) 933-3452 with any questions.



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