



Assistant Professor of Physiology—Job Opening#292496
College of Science and Mathematics, Department of Biology

The Department of Biology in the College of Science and Mathematics (COSM) invites applications and nominations for the position of tenure-track Assistant Professor of Physiology.

Georgia Southern University is the state's largest and most comprehensive center of higher education south of Atlanta. With nearly 150 degree programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels, Georgia Southern has been designated a Carnegie Doctoral/R2 "high research" university and serves more than 29,500 students from all 50 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico as well as 106 nations.

With three vibrant campuses — the Statesboro Campus, the Armstrong Campus in Savannah and the Liberty Campus in Hinesville — Georgia Southern offers a dynamic environment which encourages learning, discovery and personal growth. The University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and has earned special accreditation from professional and academic associations that set standards in their fields.

Georgia Southern is an influencer and intellectual catalyst in southeast Georgia, a rapidly expanding region that is home to international companies such as Hyundai, Gulfstream and JCB, as well as the Port of Savannah and Georgia Ports Authority. With a focus on hands-on learning, Georgia Southern is supporting the demand for highly skilled workers by providing academic excellence and creative innovation in a supportive student-centered environment that empowers the next generation of leaders to succeed.

Beyond an ideal location, there is a place for you to work in an exciting environment abounding with opportunities for personal and professional growth. Named one of the Best U.S. Colleges by The Wall Street Journal, Georgia Southern is nationally ranked for the caliber of its programs and services. In 2018, Forbes Magazine listed Georgia Southern, along with 10 other Georgia companies or institutions, as one of America's Best Midsize Employers.

Within this setting the Department of Biology is a growing leader in biological research in Georgia and is committed to expanding its faculty expertise in physiology. The Department provides undergraduate (BS/BA in Biology) and graduate students (M.S. in Biology, Ph.D. in Environmental Science, and Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences) with a challenging education that is research-based and technology-oriented. The new faculty member will participate in the development and growth of new and current programs in Biology and the College of Science and Mathematics (COSM) by teaching, mentoring graduate students, and developing an externally funded research program. The department provides a foundation for life-long learning and appreciation of the breadth of biological processes through teaching, research, and outreach. Three campuses and a variety of off-campus research facilities offer Biology students and faculty access to state-of-the-art equipment in the department and the COSM Core Research Lab (CCRL).

Location

Statesboro Campus
1332 Southern Drive
Statesboro, GA 30458

Job Summary. Reporting to the department chair, the Assistant Professor of Physiology requires experience in and commitment to research, teaching, and service. The position includes teaching at the undergraduate and/or graduate level. The successful candidate will develop an independent, high-impact, extramurally funded research program focusing on any level of biological organization in animal, plant, or microbial physiology. There is an expectation to engage students at all levels in the research program, especially Ph.D. students from one of the three available programs in COSM. The position is an academic (10 month), tenure-track appointment and the salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:

- Earned a Ph.D. or equivalent in biology, physiology, cell biology, or a closely related field with at least 18 graduate semester hours in biology, physiology, or cell biology, by August 1, 2026.
- Demonstrated excellence in research, as evidenced by a strong publication record.
- Strong potential to attract extramural funding commensurate with an R2 institution transitioning to an R1.
- Willingness to engage with institutional student success initiatives.
- Commitment to engaging with best practice initiatives in instruction and pedagogy, mentoring, and curriculum design and development.
- Demonstrated commitment to advancing a strong and growing research and scholarship agenda and the production of research/creative activities as appropriate to the discipline.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Postdoctoral research experience.
- Student-centered (graduate and undergraduate) research mentoring experience, including the use of novel and emerging technologies.
- Student-centered teaching experience at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels.

Proposed Salary

Commensurate with experience.

This is an exempt position paid on a monthly basis.

Required Documents to Attach

A complete application consists of a letter addressing the qualifications cited above; a curriculum vitae; research statement (3 page max), teaching statement (2 page max), and the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least two (2) professional references. Other documentation may be requested. Only complete applications submitted electronically will be considered. Finalists will be required to submit to a background investigation.

Apply Before Date

Open Until Filled

Screening of applications begins December 11, 2025 and continues until the position is filled.

Preferred start date is August 1, 2026.

See <https://hr.georgiasouthern.edu/employment-opportunities/> to apply. **Reference Job ID 292496.**

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Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

ABILITIES

Consistently exhibit engaging customer service
Ability to support various constituencies served by the University
Proven proficiency with computers including Microsoft Office, Google, and/or applications as required for specific position

KNOWLEDGE

Adhere to University policies and procedures to meet Institutional goals and support University's mission for student success

SKILLS

Effective communication (verbal and written), organizational and human relations skills

USG Core Values

The University System of Georgia is comprised of our 26 institutions of higher education and learning as well as the System Office. Our USG Statement of Core Values are Integrity, Excellence, Accountability, and Respect. These values serve as the foundation for all that we do as an organization, and each USG community member is responsible for demonstrating and upholding these standards. More details on the USG Statement of Core Values and Code of Conduct are available in USG Board Policy 8.2.18.1.2 and can be found on-line at https://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section8/C224/#p8.2.18_personnel_conduct.

Additionally, USG supports Freedom of Expression as stated in Board Policy 6.5 Freedom of Expression and Academic Freedom found on-line at <https://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section6/C2653>.

Conditions of Employment:

All work (with limited exceptions such as research and study abroad outside activities such as grading and email correspondence) for Georgia Southern University must be completed while the employee is physically present in the state of Georgia, unless specifically authorized by the university for a specific purpose and limited period of time within current policy.

Faculty are expected to contribute to the vibrant university community by engaging students, participating in events, and performing other responsibilities on-campus.

Faculty may be required to teach, conduct research, or perform service duties on any of the three campuses. Georgia Southern provides accessible transportation options between campuses.

Offers of employment are contingent upon completion of background investigation including a criminal background check demonstrating your eligibility for employment with Georgia Southern

University, as determined by Georgia Southern University in its sole discretion, confirmation of the credentials and employment history reflected in your application materials and, if applicable, a satisfactory credit check. Applicants may be subject to a pre-employment drug test.

Offers are made expressly subject to the applicable federal and state laws, to the statutes, rules and regulations of this institution and to the Bylaws and Policies of the Board of Regents (BOR) of the University System of Georgia (USG), which are available for your inspection upon request.

Georgia Southern University is a Tobacco and Smoke-Free Community.

Equal Employment Opportunity

More information about the institution is available through <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu> or the [Department of Biology webpage](#). The names of applicants and nominees, vitae, and other non-evaluative information may be subject to public inspection under the Georgia Open Records Act. Georgia Southern University provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, political affiliation, or disability. Individuals in need of reasonable accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in the search process should notify Human Resources: (912) 478-6947.

Other Information

This is not a supervisory position.

This position will not be required to drive.

This role is not considered a position of trust.

Background Check

Standard + Education