



Vacancy Announcement  
Faculty Tenure-Track Position Starting August 2018  
**Department of Oceanography**  
Job #1819-04

*Humboldt State University is committed to achieving the goals of equal opportunity and endeavors to employ faculty and staff of the highest quality reflecting the ethnic and cultural diversity of the state*

**DESCRIPTION:** Humboldt State University's DEPARTMENT OF OCEANOGRAPHY invites applications for an academic year tenure-track faculty position in PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY.

**RANK, SALARY AND BENEFITS:** We seek to fill this position at the Assistant Professor rank; however, rank and salary are dependent on the appointee's qualifications and experience. The current California State University Salary Schedule is available at: <http://www.humboldt.edu/aps/docs/salary/Salary-Schedule.pdf>.

Humboldt State University provides an excellent benefits package for faculty. Information about benefits plans can be found at: <http://www.humboldt.edu/forms/node/934>.

**PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:** An earned Ph.D. or equivalent in Oceanography or related field from an accredited college or university is preferred at the time of appointment. Applicants with considerable progress towards terminal degree completion by appointment date will be considered. Completion of terminal degree is required prior to the start of the second probationary year following initial appointment.

The successful candidate must demonstrate the following:

- ✓ Ability to teach undergraduate courses in Introductory Oceanography, Introductory Physics, Physical Oceanography, and upper-division Physics courses within the candidate's area of expertise;
- ✓ Experience with field research in coastal and/or open-ocean environments;
- ✓ Interest in and ability to teach a broad range of courses to diverse students (majors, general education students, etc.);
- ✓ Commitment to and/or experience promoting and fostering a learning environment that is supportive of individuals from diverse backgrounds;
- ✓ Record of, or potential for, involving undergraduate students in research and scholarly activity;
- ✓ Potential for effective teaching or experience teaching using a variety of methodologies; and
- ✓ Willingness to participate in the development of online learning experiences.

Preferred qualifications for this position include:

- ✓ B.S. or M.S. in Physics, or successful completion of extensive coursework in Physics.
- ✓ Research involving active fieldwork in coastal and open-ocean environments.
- ✓ Background in experimental physics.

- ✓ Experience using student-centered teaching techniques.

At the time of appointment, the successful candidate, if not a U.S. citizen, must have authorization from the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services to work in the United States. For information on the University policy on support for non-immigrant probationary faculty visa acquisition, please visit:

<https://www2.humboldt.edu/international/faculty>.

Evidence of degree(s) is required at time of hire.

**PROFESSIONAL DUTIES:** Candidates should be committed to teaching excellence and to building a strong research record. Instructional assignments may include: Physical Oceanography, General Oceanography, Marine Sampling Techniques, Oceans and Climate, General Physics, and upper division Physics classes. The specific courses to be taught will depend on the candidate's strengths and the specific needs of the College. Teaching assignments will be in the Department of Oceanography (home department), as well as in the Department of Physics & Astronomy, as required.

The primary professional responsibilities of instructional faculty members are: teaching; research, scholarship and creative activity; and service to the University, profession and to the community. These responsibilities include: advising students, participation in campus and system-wide committees, maintaining office hours, working collaboratively and productively with colleagues, and participation in traditional academic functions. Probationary faculty are typically provided ongoing mentorship to be a successful member of the faculty. During the first two years of the probationary period, teaching responsibilities will be reduced by approximately one course each semester. The reduced teaching load supports the establishment of research, scholarship and/or creative activities required for retention, tenure and promotion.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Humboldt State University is part of the 23-campus California State University system. Founded in 1913, HSU is one of the premier, public institutions in the western United States; it is a residential and rural campus with an enrollment of approximately 7,800 students. The main campus is located in Arcata, California, in the northwestern part of the state along the coast, situated among redwood trees in an area that offers unmatched scenic beauty, moderate climate and opportunities for outdoor activities. The surrounding Humboldt County locale has a population of 136,000. The community offers an excellent range of businesses, services, and cultural activities and performances. The local schools are ranked in the top performance percentiles, both in the state and nationally.

The [Department of Oceanography](#) offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography. There are currently 65 students working towards the B.S. degree. An active faculty emphasizes teaching excellence while pursuing research in a variety of environments. Marine environments in close proximity to the campus include Humboldt Bay, the second largest bay in California, several coastal lagoons, and the coastal ocean. The University maintains a [90-foot research vessel](#), a variety of smaller boats ranging from 12 to 29 feet in length, and a [Marine Laboratory](#) 15 miles north of the main campus in the town of Trinidad. Opportunities may exist to collaborate in a number of ongoing and planned state and federal ocean monitoring programs. The [Department of Physics & Astronomy](#) offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics (with an optional concentration in Astronomy) and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics. There are currently 80 students working towards a degree in Physics.

The faculty in both the Department of Oceanography and the Department of Physics have strong commitments to including undergraduates in research and projects.

**APPLICATION:** Qualified candidates should electronically submit the following materials through Interfolio:

<http://apply.interfolio.com/46932>

- ✓ Letter of application;
- ✓ Curriculum vitae;
- ✓ Statement of Teaching Philosophy;
- ✓ Statement of Research Interests;
- ✓ Teaching Evaluations (if available);

- ✓ Graduate transcripts (unofficial copies are sufficient for initial review); and
- ✓ Three letters of recommendation.

Additional application materials may be requested at a later time.

Please direct any questions pertaining to this position, the Department of Oceanography, or Humboldt State University to:

**Dr. Christine Cass, Search Committee Chair**  
**Department of Oceanography, Humboldt State University**  
**Arcata, California**  
**Phone (707) 826-4171**  
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**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** This position is open until filled. First consideration will be given to completed applications received no later than **December 18, 2017**. Early response is encouraged.

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*It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide complete and accurate employment information. Evidence of required degree(s), certifications(s), or licenses(s) will be required prior to the appointment date. A background check (including a criminal records check, employment verification, and education verification) must be completed satisfactorily as a condition of employment with the CSU. Certain positions may also require a credit check, motor vehicle report, and/or fingerprinting through Live Scan service. Adverse findings from a background check may affect the application status of applicants or continued employment of current CSU employees who apply for the position. All CSU employees are obligated to respond to and report incidents of sexual harassment and sexual violence. The successful candidate for this position will be mandated to receive relevant training on an annual basis. The person holding this position is considered a 'limited reporter' under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.*

*Humboldt State University is a Title IX/Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, protected veteran status, or any other legally protected status. If accommodations need to be made during the recruitment and interview process, please contact Human Resources at (707) 826-3626 or [hsuhr@humboldt.edu](mailto:hsuhr@humboldt.edu).*

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