



UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

School of Medicine

October 10, 2012

Dear Colleague:

The University of Washington (UW) Department of Biochemistry is in the midst of a search for an assistant or associate professor with experience in cryo-EM to establish or continue a vigorous program in high resolution electron microscopy studies aimed at furthering our understanding of the three-dimensional structures, mechanisms of action, and functions of macromolecular biomolecules and assemblies. The Department has a vigorous research program with cutting edge science in the areas of molecular neurobiology, molecular developmental and cell biology, together with dynamic NMR and crystallography groups, and an exceptionally strong group in protein design. We are wondering if you could suggest potential candidates who would fit in such a stimulating environment. A microscopy suite is already in place including a pair of high-end cryo electron microscopes. The Department has an active graduate student program and, in addition, participates in several interdisciplinary graduate training programs.

Our department is located within the UW School of Medicine, consistently a top ranked medical school in the United States. Collaboration is highly valued by the School of Medicine, and indeed, our faculty enjoys a wonderfully collaborative environment not only within the school, but the university and the greater Seattle area scientific community as well. UW biomedical research programs have been ranked consistently among the top three schools in receipt of National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant funding in U.S. News & World Report surveys, which reports UW School of Medicine faculty receiving NIH grants totaling \$611 million in fiscal year 2011. For 2013, the UW ranks number two in NIH funding behind Harvard.

Beyond the University, the Seattle area offers a wonderful quality of life. Home of companies like Microsoft, Amazon and Boeing, Seattle is a modern, high-tech city and the largest city in the Pacific Northwest. It is known for its stunning natural beauty. Nestled between the Puget Sound and the Cascade Mountain Range, with immediate access to spectacular Lake Washington, the Olympic mountain range and the Pacific Ocean, Seattle is a close drive to some of the best outdoor adventures in the country. In fact, Seattle is a couple hours drive from three National Parks.

Clearly, we feel our department offers an excellent opportunity for an incoming assistant or associate professor to launch or grow his or her career in cryo-EM studies and we sincerely appreciate any suggestions that you could give that might aid in our search.

The University of Washington offers a competitive salary and benefits package. The starting date is flexible and could be as early as Summer, 2013. We will begin reviewing applications on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 but will accept applications until November 30th, 2012.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wim G. J. Hol'.

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# Position Announcement - AA3241

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## Position Overview

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**Organization:** Department of Biochemistry, School of Medicine

**Title:** Assistant or Associate Professor

**Search #:** AA3241

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## Position Details

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The Department of Biochemistry at the University of Washington School of Medicine invites applications for a full time tenure track/tenured position as Assistant or Associate Professor. The position is an outstanding opportunity to establish or continue a vigorous program in high resolution electron microscopy studies aimed at furthering our understanding of the three-dimensional structures, mechanisms of action, and functions of macromolecular biomolecules and assemblies. A special-purpose electron microscopy suite with modern cryo-scopes is already in place. Applicants should have a Ph.D. or an M.D., with training and experience in biosciences. University of Washington faculty engage in teaching, research and service. Submit a curriculum vitae and a research plan to [bcsearch@uw.edu](mailto:bcsearch@uw.edu) by October 15, 2012. Please have three references mail a letter of recommendation to [bcsearch@uw.edu](mailto:bcsearch@uw.edu).

The University of Washington is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. The University is building a culturally diverse faculty and staff and strongly encourages applications from women, minorities, individuals with disabilities and covered veterans.

**If you have a question about the details of this search / position please contact the hiring unit directly. Thank you for your interest in this position at the University of Washington.**