

**2018 WEEKLY BULLETIN**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**  
**EVANSTON, ILLINOIS**  
**January 21, 2019**

***For full schedule, including Center events, please see the Department Calendar:***  
<http://www.chemistry.northwestern.edu/events/calendar.html>

Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup>:            *Faculty Lunch Seminar: Lin Chen*  
Tech K140  
12:00-1:00pm

Friday January 25<sup>th</sup>:            *Department of Chemistry Colloquium:*  
*Seth Cohen, University of California, San Diego*  
Tech LR3  
4:00-5:00pm

**Announcements**

**Resume/CV Workshop:** On February 6<sup>th</sup> Elysse Longiotti, Assistant Director of Career Management at NU will be available for walk-in advising hours specific to resume writing in K140 from 9-11am. This is open to all Chemistry Postdocs and Graduate Students.

**Arrivals**

Pablo Albacete Carrizo joined the Dichtel Group  
Seung-Joon Lee joined the Farha Group

**BIP**

BIP every Friday at 10:00am in Tech K140

**Opportunities**

**Argonne National Laboratory/Solar Energy Conversion Group** is accepting applications for a postdoctoral appointee position. Under the guidance of a supervisor, conduct fundamental research on solar energy conversion in natural photosynthetic systems and design biohybrid complexes for solar-driven fuels production. Research includes protein bioinorganic and biochemistry techniques, the development of methods to augment native and modified photosynthetic protein frameworks with abiotic cofactors, and the characterization of structure-function relationships in hybrid assemblies using a range of spectroscopic techniques.

Participates in protein expression, isolation, and characterization. Develops bioinorganic methods for protein modification enabling the insertion of abiotic cofactors into photosynthetic protein frameworks. Characterizes the structure, electron transfer properties, and catalytic function of native protein-protein interactions and hybrid assemblies using a range of biophysical spectroscopic techniques. Analyzes data, prepares manuscripts for submission to peer-reviewed publications, and makes presentations at scientific meetings. Maintains comprehensive knowledge of pertinent literature. Develops new ideas, concepts, and/or research proposals.

**Position Requirements:**

Considerable knowledge of and experimental expertise in one or more of the following areas: Protein isolation, protein modification, protein function characterization, protein cofactor characterization, protein structure characterization.

Good interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills. Good skill in data processing, evaluation, and interpretation. Good skill in working in an interdisciplinary research team setting.

Some knowledge of and experimental expertise in protein design and expression using recombinant DNA and microbial protein expression techniques, organic/inorganic chemistry, biophysics, optical and EPR spectroscopy.

This level of knowledge is typically achieved through a formal education in bioinorganic chemistry, biochemistry, or biophysical chemistry or related disciplines at the Ph.D. degree level with 0 to 3 years of experience or equivalent in the scientific application of this knowledge and practical laboratory experience. <https://blogs.anl.gov/solar-energy/>

Please contact Supervisor Lisa M. Utschig directly for more information: [utschig@anl.gov](mailto:utschig@anl.gov)

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Position open immediately!

**Stepan Company** is accepting applications for a Research Chemist. Stepan is a \$2 Billion global manufacturer of specialty chemicals headquartered in Northfield, Illinois United States and located throughout North and South America, Europe and Asia. Founded in 1932, we provide innovative chemical solutions for a cleaner, healthier, more energy-efficient world.

The Research Chemist position (#02653) provides organic chemistry knowledge and synthesis expertise to the execution of both short and long term strategic projects for the company and based in the Chicago metropolitan area (Northfield). The Research Chemist will conduct synthesis, chemistry development, and preliminary process research to enable the evaluation of new products and new processes relevant to our Business Units and Corporate Strategies. The Research Chemist will develop initial business cases (white papers) for long term initiatives to help populate the innovation portfolio while collaborating between various functional groups to enable the project's success.

**Qualifications**

Proven track record of leadership across multiple teams and demonstrated independence to achieve results. Broad experience in the synthesis, purification, and analytical characterization of organic compounds. Experience in business development, material science, surfactant synthesis, and/or colloid-interfacial science is beneficial but not required.

**REQUIRED LEVEL OF EDUCATION:**

Ph.D or MS + >4-5 years, or BS Chemistry + >7-8 yrs.

Apply Here:

<https://stepan.taleo.net/careersection/2/jobdetail.ftl?job=02653&tz=GMT-06%3A00>

Or navigate to [Stepan.com/Careers](http://Stepan.com/Careers) then keyword search for 02653

**The Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL)**, a national leader in scientific research and development is seeking two Postdoctoral Fellows in the Asymmetric Operations Department.

Are you:

... interested in making critical contributions to critical challenges?

... passionate about applying your Chemistry knowledge and experience toward solving the country's toughest national security challenges?

... searching for an engaging career with an employer that prioritizes innovation and collaboration?

If so, we would like to hear from you. We are seeking a Postdoctoral Fellow with experience in developing tool, techniques, and methods for performing chemical detection and analysis (Requisition # 18830) and a Postdoctoral Fellow with experience in synthetic and reactive chemistry (Requisition #18923).

Be a part of a diverse team of scientists at The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL). APL is a national leader in scientific research and development, and provides our nation with cutting-edge solutions to solve critical challenges of national importance.

Learn more and apply at [www.jhuapl.edu](http://www.jhuapl.edu)

**Pacific Northwest National Lab** is accepting applications for a Chemist. As a researcher in the Catalysis Science group, you will join a talented, multi-investigator team to explore the molecular-level basis for determining kinetic and thermodynamic parameters for chemical transformations important for the next generation of materials to store energy in chemical bonds. You will work closely with prominent researchers as you develop a line of experimental research, working to understand the physicochemical properties that control the uptake and release of hydrogen from materials ranging from physisorption to chemisorption. You will also help to develop novel experimental methods to better understand fundamental aspects of materials and catalyst design, synthesis, and utilization.

If you are a researcher ready to test your talents and training in the study of chemical transformations and hone your skills at a national laboratory widely recognized for its work in the physical sciences, we want to connect with you. Will conduct independent research and work on project team assignments, including the following responsibilities:

- Lead manuscript development and maintain a strong overall publication record in the peer-reviewed scientific literature.
- Interact, communicate, and problem solve with a diverse team of research staff within the Catalysis Science, PSD, and across PNNL.
- Present research at technical conferences and project/program review meetings.
- Participate in the development of research proposals.

#### Minimum Qualifications

BS/BA with 2 years of experience; MS/MS with 0 years of experience; PhD with 0 years of experience

#### Preferred Qualifications

- Ph.D. in Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Materials Sciences or related field
- Training in and aptitude for thermodynamics and kinetics
- Strong verbal and written communications skills
- Knowledge of/experience with multi-method experimental and analytical characterization of liquids, solids or solid interfaces with aqueous solutions and solid interfaces with gases for the purpose of understanding chemical reactions, thermodynamics and kinetics
- Proficiency in wet chemical analytics, solution preparation and handling, design and execution of batch and/or mixed flow reactor experiments
- A background in one or more of the following techniques to determine both thermodynamic and kinetic parameters: solid state and solution phase nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, X-ray diffraction, XAFS, Raman and/or IR vibrational spectroscopies, neutron scattering, reaction calorimetry, pressure-composition-temperature (PCT), or temperature-programmed desorption-mass spectroscopy
- A functional grasp of thermodynamic and kinetic concepts to determine mechanisms of chemical transformations
- The ability to adapt, refine, or innovate experimental tools as needed

## Equal Employment Opportunity

Battelle Memorial Institute (BMI) at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and supports diversity in the workplace. All employment decisions are made without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, marital or family status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or genetic information. All BMI staff must be able to demonstrate the legal right to work in the United States. BMI is an E-Verify employer. Learn more at [www.jobs.pnnl.gov](http://www.jobs.pnnl.gov)

**Cleveland Clinic** A postdoctoral fellowship position supported by the National Institutes of Health and the Prostate Cancer Foundation are available in the laboratory of Dr. Nima Sharifi at the Cleveland Clinic. Our laboratory is focused on metabolic and molecular mechanisms of androgen synthesis and androgen receptor (AR) gain-of-function that lead to resistance to hormonal therapy.

Specific areas include:

- 1) Metabolic and genetic changes required for hormone therapy resistance in prostate cancer and tumor progression
- 2) Clinical validation in patients and clinical trials utilizing innovative approaches
- 3) Animal models of advanced prostate cancer for translational and therapeutic studies
- 4) Identifying targets for the development of new pharmacologic therapies

We discovered the first example of a gain-of-function in a steroid-synthesizing enzyme that enables prostate cancer resistance to hormonal therapy (Chang, et al. *Cell*. 2013 154(5):1074-1084) and that we have shown in a predictive biomarker of poor outcomes after hormonal therapy (Hearn, et al. *Lancet Oncol*. 2016 17(10):1435-44; Hearn, et al. *JAMA Oncol*. 2018 Apr 1;4(4):558-562). We are current evaluating this biomarker in a clinical trial and are pursuing similar mechanisms and developing new treatment modalities based on these discoveries.

We recently also discovered that abiraterone works by conversion to a more active steroidal metabolite (Li, et al. *Nature*. 2015 523(7560):347-51), that metabolism is pharmacologically modifiable to optimize therapy (Li, et al. *Nature*. 2016 533(7604):547-51), that this is a class effect of steroidal androgen synthesis inhibitors (Alyamani, et al. *Cell Chemical Biology*. 2017 24, 1-8, July 20) and genetic determination of metabolite generation (Alyamani, et al. *J Clin Invest*. 2018 Aug 1;128(8):3333-3340).

The position will provide a unique and multidisciplinary exposure to tumor metabolism, molecular oncology, drug development and clinical trials. Further details are available at the following link:

<https://www.lerner.ccf.org/cancerbio/sharifi/#lab>

Candidates should hold a doctoral degree with a background in molecular biology, chemistry, metabolism or cancer biology. Candidates must have proficiency in verbal and written English. Candidates with an interest in the position should send their CV and contact information for 3 references to:

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