



RICE NATURAL SCIENCES  
Department of  
Chemistry

## *Faculty Search in Energy and Sustainability*

The **Department of Chemistry at Rice University in Houston, TX** seeks applicants for a tenure-track appointment at the Assistant Professor level with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2026. We seek faculty members who will develop a world-leading dynamic and innovative research program in fundamental science and who will excel in teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels, while embracing Rice University's diverse community and culture of excellence.

We welcome applicants with expertise in any area of **Chemistry for Energy and Sustainability**, including, but not limited to, chemistry research on solar energy conversion, solar fuels, environmental remediation, photocatalysis, polymer upcycling, and green chemistry in general. Candidates must complete their application through Interfolio, the hiring system for Rice University. A PhD in the chemical sciences or closely related fields is required by July 1, 2026.

In addition to the application, the following items must be uploaded:

1. Cover Letter
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Publications List
4. Research Plan (max. 6 pages)
5. Statement of Teaching Interests (max. 2 pages)

The Research Plan and Statement of Teaching Interests may also include plans for building a diverse and inclusive research group and fostering equitable and inclusive classrooms.

Candidates should initiate requests for at least 3 letters of recommendation during the application process through Interfolio.

Application link: <http://apply.interfolio.com/170623>

Candidates are encouraged to apply before **September 20, 2025**, to receive full consideration. Questions can be directed to Prof. Lea Nienhaus ([nienhaus@rice.edu](mailto:nienhaus@rice.edu)).

Rice University is a tier-one research institution located in Houston Texas, the 4<sup>th</sup> largest and most diverse city in the United States. We encourage all qualified individuals to apply, including those belonging to groups that have been historically underrepresented in academia. The Chemistry Department strives to maintain an equitable and inclusive academic environment for all our members. Rice University is an Equal Opportunity Employer with a commitment to diversity at all levels and considers for employment qualified applicants without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, genetic information, disability or protected veteran status.