



Sirrine Foundation Endowed Chair in Optical Fibers

The School of Materials Science and Engineering, in conjunction with the Center for Optical Materials Science and Engineering Technologies (COMSET), at Clemson University is soliciting nominations for the J. E. Sirrine Textile Foundation Endowed Chair in Optical Fibers. Supported by an endowment in excess of \$5,500,000, the Sirrine Chair of Optical Fiber will be a pre-eminent scholar with an international reputation for best-in-world research into glass optical fiber materials. The endowment results through funding from the J. E. Sirrine Foundation and the South Carolina Research Centers of Economic Excellence Act both of which focus on knowledge based economic development as well as traditional academic excellence expected of a chaired professor.

The Sirrine Chair will be a dynamic, innovative leader with a distinguished track record of scholarship who will draw international attention to South Carolina. The Chair will have an earned doctorate in materials science or related discipline with 10-plus years of relevant industrial and/or academic experience. The candidate will have strong ties to professional societies and be active on national and international committees relating to research, education, or professional development in optics and materials. In addition to being a proven leader and mentor, the Sirrine Chair will have extensive industrial and governmental contacts, a solid history of international, inter-disciplinary research, support and outreach activities, and a proven innovation record as evidenced by patents and licensed/commercialized technologies. Ideally, the candidate will be entrepreneurially minded having either created or consulted with new firms or have quantifiably contributed to business development or technology entrepreneurship. As a faculty member within the School of Materials Science and Engineering with additional affiliations within the University where warranted, the candidate will assume responsibilities associated with his/her academic appointment, including development and teaching of undergraduate and graduate courses, establishment of a strong and sustained research program, and demonstration of service to the University.

Applicants should submit a cover letter stating interest in the position as well as experience as relates to the above-noted candidate qualities and a resume / curriculum vitae with names of and contact information for five references. Send applications to Dr. John Ballato at either jballat@clemson.edu or Advanced Materials Research Laboratory, 91 Technology Drive, Clemson Research Park, Anderson, SC 29625. Informal inquiries may also be directed to this e-mail address or by phone to 864-656-1035. The search will remain open until the position is filled.

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