Tenure-Track Bio-Organic Chemistry Position. The Hope College Chemistry Department invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level to begin in Fall 2015. Candidates must have a Ph.D. and postdoctoral experience in biochemistry and/or chemistry. Primary teaching responsibilities will be in the biochemistry and organic chemistry programs. The Chemistry Department (www.hope.edu/academic/chemistry) is a national leader in undergraduate research. The development of a strong, externally-funded, experimental research program involving undergraduate students is expected. Start-up funds will be provided.

Please submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, description of research plans, and statement of teaching philosophy and competencies to Dr. Jeffrey B. Johnson, Search Committee Chair. All materials are to be submitted electronically to www.hope.edu/employment/faculty. A review of all completed applications will begin October 1. A subset of candidates will be asked to submit original undergraduate and graduate transcripts, three letters of recommendation, and a statement describing their fit to the mission of Hope College in mid-October.

Hope College places a high priority on sustaining a supportive environment that recognizes the importance of having a diverse faculty and staff in order to best prepare our students for successful careers in our multi-cultural nation and global community. Applications from persons with diverse backgrounds and cultures, including women and persons of color, are especially welcomed. Hope College complies with federal and state requirements for nondiscrimination in employment.

About the Department of Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry has long been one of the nation’s premier undergraduate chemistry programs. Despite the moderate size of Hope’s student body, the ACS and ASBMB-certified chemistry department includes 14 research active faculty and graduates an average of 43 chemistry majors per year. The Department offers BA and BS degrees, a biochemistry and molecular biology major (joint with the Biology Department), and an interdisciplinary neuroscience minor. Undergraduate education through excellent classroom teaching with appropriate modern pedagogies integrated with authentic faculty scholarship with undergraduate student collaborators is a hallmark of our program. Student-faculty collaborative research involves over 70 students per year, including approximately 50 who perform research in the department each summer. The success of the research program is demonstrated by the publication of research results and by the accomplishments of our graduates. Members of the Department have published 51 papers since 2010, incorporating over 180 student coauthors. Based on NSF records, 203 Hope graduates have received PhDs in chemistry since 1966, which ranks Hope in the top 1% of all 614 US liberal arts and undergraduate institutions. This production continues into the current decade, as an average of 10 students enter graduate school each year. An average of 11 additional students enter medical or dental schools each year, representing an admissions rate of nearly 85%.
Student-faculty collaborative research is supported generously by Departmental and College funds, but the majority of support is obtained from external funding agencies. Chemistry Department faculty currently hold active grants worth over $2.9 million, acquired from the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the Howard Hughes Medical Institution, the Beckman Foundation, the American Chemical Society, Research Corporation, and the Dreyfus Foundation, among others.

The Chemistry Department is housed in the A. Paul Schaap Science Center, where each faculty member has a private office and an adjoining lab for research. A full time Director of Laboratories handles purchasing, maintains the chemical stockroom, manages over 50 student employees within the department, and assists with instrument maintenance. The Department has a broad range of modern research and teaching instrumentation. A complete list can be found here.

About Hope College
Hope College is a strong co-educational, undergraduate, residential, Christian liberal arts college of 3,300 students from 45 states and 35 different countries. Hope's beautiful and well-maintained campus is located just steps from award-winning downtown Holland, Michigan. Proudly affiliated with the Reformed Church of America since its founding in 1866, the College is known for its ecumenical Christian atmosphere.

Hope is recognized as a national leader in undergraduate research and scholarship, and for providing professional preparation and life-changing experiences in a friendly and welcoming community. The College has consistently ranked among the nation's top liberal arts colleges and is featured in Colleges that Change Lives. Key to Hope's success is its rare combination of rigorous academic programs and a community life grounded in a relevant, inviting, and vibrant Christian faith. Reflecting that success, Hope is experiencing its third consecutive year of record enrollments.

The College is strong financially with 40 consecutive years of balanced budgets, and endowment of approximately $170M, no deferred maintenance, and over $92M invested in the construction of new facilities during the past decade with two additional projects (a new center for musical arts and art museum) currently under construction.

About Holland, MI
Holland, Michigan is a city of 35,000 within a metropolitan area with a population of 100,000. Holland has been recognized as “one of America’s most affordable towns” and was recently ranked as the “2nd happiest place to live in America” by the Gallup-Healthways Well Being Index. Holland is home to a number of festivals including Tulip Time, a weekly farmer’s market, and multiple world class beaches on Lake Michigan. Holland is located 30 minutes from Grand Rapids and approximately 2.5 hours from Detroit and Chicago. For more information on Holland and the surrounding area, see www.cityofholland.com/ and www.enjoyhollandmichigan.com/