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in Acoustics and the Applied Research Lab
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Department	College of Engineering
Institution	Pennsylvania State University University Park, Pennsylvania
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POSITION SPECIFICS

The Graduate Program in Acoustics and the Applied Research Laboratory at the Pennsylvania State University in University Park, PA are pleased to invite applications for a tenure-track or tenured position at the **Associate**, or **Full Professor** level in **underwater and/or ocean acoustics**. Applicants should

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have extensive records of building large-scale collaborative partnerships and programs among academia, governmental agencies, industry, and research institutions. Applicants should also have qualifications appropriate for an appointment as a tenure-track/tenured Associate Professor or Professor in the College of Engineering.

The Graduate Program in Acoustics is one of the world's premier resources in acoustics education and research, and it was established in 1965. There are currently 35 Acoustics faculty members from Penn State who contribute to the missions of teaching, research, and service. The Program offers Graduate Certificates and M.Eng., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in acoustics. There are over 30 resident Acoustics graduate students at the University Park campus, and over 100 students online who are seeking or considering M.Eng. degrees or a Graduate Certificate through the distance learning option. The Acoustics Program is administratively aligned with the Department of Aerospace Engineering in the Penn State College of Engineering, but maintains separate curricula, examinations, space, and budgets.

The Applied Research Laboratory is one of five U.S. Navy and one of fifteen Department of Defense University Affiliated Research Centers. With over 1500 full-time employees and 200 student employees, the Laboratory is the nation's third largest University Affiliated Research Center. The Laboratory's core research interests are focused in four areas: undersea systems; fluid dynamics and acoustics; advanced materials and manufacturing systems; and communications and information systems.

The Laboratory is an independent unit of the University but is co-located on the campus at University Park. The Laboratory enjoys a collaborative relationship with the College of Engineering. One of the goals of the Laboratory is to connect the fundamental research of the University to applied solutions for the Laboratory's government sponsors and corresponding industrial partners. One purpose of this joint faculty position is to strengthen that bridge by conducting research that spans the full spectrum of Department of Defense Research and Development activities.

It is expected that any successful candidate will spend about fifty percent of their time each year within the College of Engineering Graduate Program in Acoustics and fifty percent at the Applied Research Laboratory. A candidate-unique agreement will be signed by both organizations relative to specific requirements and expectations.

Applicants should have an excellent sustained record of obtaining defense-related research funding and preferably a strong track record of teaching and advising graduate students. The successful candidates are expected to teach courses at primarily graduate levels, develop an internationally-

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recognized, externally-funded research program, and contribute to the operation and promotion of the department, college, university, and profession through service. Appointments will be made at a rank commensurate with experience.

Review of applicants will begin on January 5, 2026, and will continue until the positions are filled. Applicants should submit the following documents: a cover letter; a curriculum vitae; a statement on research; a statement on teaching; a statement on alignment with and experience related to Penn State's Values; copies of 3 key publications; and names and addresses of five professional references. ***A single PDF containing all application materials should be uploaded. Due to system limitations, the single PDF document cannot exceed 5mb.***

Inquiries can be sent to Dr. Julianna Simon, Interim Director of the Graduate Program in Acoustics (jcs516@psu.edu).

All positions at ARL require candidates to possess the ability to obtain a government security clearance; you will be notified during the interview process if this position is subject to a government background investigation. You must be a U.S. citizen to apply. Employment with the ARL will require successful completion of a pre-employment drug screen.

BACKGROUND CHECKS/CLEARANCES

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