



About the Position: The Department of Geological Sciences and Engineering ([DGSE](#)) invites applications for a full-time (12-month, non-tenure track) Teaching Assistant Professor position starting in August 2026. The undergraduate and graduate programs offered by DGSE aim to train students to solve societally relevant problems and to be technically proficient geoscientists for a range of industries. We are looking for a candidate who can contribute to this mission by teaching a range of lower and upper division [undergraduate](#) courses within the geology major, with a specific need in mineralogy, as well as non-major general service courses and potentially [graduate](#)-level instruction. The expected teaching load is 4 to 6 courses per year. The position will have a service component including geology-major student advisement, overseeing teaching labs and associated teaching collections, and other components that will depend on the interest of the successful candidate.

This is a permanent position, with a clearly defined promotion pathway for teaching faculty that includes regular review, and base salary increases upon promotion. Applicants must have an advanced degree in an area of Earth Sciences from an accredited university by May 30, 2026 and must be strongly committed to excellence in teaching and student mentoring, as well as have a demonstrated interest in innovative teaching. Women, under-represented groups, individuals with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.

About the UNR Geosciences group: The [Department](#) is part of the dynamic [Nevada Geosciences](#) community, which includes the department and two state-funded Earth Science units, the [Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology](#) and the [Nevada Seismological Laboratory](#) that participate in the Departments teaching mission and graduate programs. Many faculty also participate in the degrees offered through the interdisciplinary Graduate Program of [Hydrologic Sciences](#). We offer BS degrees in [Geology](#), [Geophysics](#), [Hydrogeology](#) and [Geological Engineering](#), and also offer advanced MS and PhD degrees.

About UNR: The University of Nevada, Reno is a R1-ranked research institution with a student body of ~22,000. Reno is a metropolitan area of 575,000 located on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. The city is conveniently located 38 miles from Lake Tahoe, a world-class skiing area with limitless summer and winter recreational opportunities. Sacramento and San Francisco are two and four hour drives away respectively. Notably, our retirement plan is very strong. Your 19.25% contribution is generously matched by the University so that 38.5% of your salary goes into retirement annually, and you are 100% vested on your first day.

For more information and to apply, please use [this link](#). Review of applications will begin **January 15th, 2026**. Please contact the search committee (Committee chair: Stacia Gordon (staciag@unr.edu), Joel Scheingross (jscheingross@unr.edu), Jamie Kirkpatrick (jkirkpatrick2@unr.edu), Saeedeh Naziri (snaziri@unr.edu)) if you have any questions.