



WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Assistant Professor of Biology College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

About West Virginia State University

West Virginia State University is a public land-grant institution with a rich history, founded in 1891 as a Historically Black College and University (HBCU). It has since evolved into a fully accessible, diverse, and multi-generational institution, proudly serving approximately 3,500 students. Our university community comprises dedicated students, staff, and faculty committed to fostering innovative teaching and learning, advancing research, and contributing to meaningful service initiatives. WVSU offers 23 undergraduate and seven graduate degrees through its four colleges, and our athletic teams compete at the NCAA Division II level in seven men's sports and eight women's sports. Located in Institute, WV, a suburb of Charleston, which is the largest city and the capital of West Virginia, WVSU enjoys the benefits of a vibrant, diverse, and engaging community with more than 300,000 residents in the metropolitan area. The region offers a rich cultural scene, historical events, music, festivals, and entertainment.

Position Description

The Department of Biology at West Virginia State University (WVSU) is excited to announce a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Biology with a strong emphasis on Plant/Animal/Human Biology, set to commence in Fall 2024. This is a full-time, 9-month position; faculty members are expected to teach 12 credit hours per semester (with course release time available). The Department of Biology at WVSU offers a Bachelor of Science program in Biology and a Graduate program in Biotechnology, which provides both Master of Science and Master of Arts degrees. The ideal candidate for this position should be enthusiastic about establishing and leading an active research program. We strongly encourage women and members of underrepresented groups to apply. Our Department of Biology is deeply committed to research, actively involving undergraduate and graduate students and postdocs. We boast well-equipped laboratories and state-of-the-art facilities for cutting-edge genomics, biomedical, and metabolomic studies. Our institution strongly supports securing funding from prestigious agencies such as USDA, NSF-EPSCoR, NASA, NIH (WV-IMBRE), and DOE.

Position Responsibilities

The successful candidate will demonstrate the ability to teach undergraduate courses in Introductory Biology effectively, catering to both majors and non-majors. Additionally, they will be expected to teach upper-level classes in their area of expertise and/or interest. The

candidate should also possess the skills necessary to prepare external and internal grants, actively engage in research, participate in service activities, and provide guidance and mentorship to students.

Requirements for the Assistant Professor of Biology

Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in the Biological Sciences or related fields. Preference will be given to candidates with postdoctoral research experience, a strong record of publications, and a demonstrated interest in collaborating with the land grant plan of work.

To Apply

This position will remain open until filled. However, priority consideration will be given to applicants who submit a complete application package, including a resume, cover letter, copies of academic transcripts (originals required upon acceptance of job offer), and contact information (names, email addresses, or phone numbers) for three professional references by March 1, 2024. Please ensure that all requested information is submitted to have your application considered.

Please submit application materials via email to jobs@wvstateu.edu or mail to:

West Virginia State University
Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 1000, 324 Ferrell Hall
Institute, WV 25112

West Virginia State University conducts criminal background checks on all job candidates upon acceptance of a contingent offer. Any offer of employment is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background check.

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