

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR  
Agribusiness, Entrepreneurship and/or Rural Development**

**Description:** The Division of Resource Economics and Management (<https://resourcemanagement.wvu.edu/>) in the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design(<https://www.davis.wvu.edu/>) at West Virginia University (<https://www.wvu.edu/>) invites applications for the position of Assistant Professor with a focus on agribusiness, entrepreneurship and/or rural development. West Virginia University @ Morgantown, WV is the state's flagship land grant institution and currently enrolls over 33,000 students, emphasizing a student-centered focus. West Virginia University is the State's comprehensive Land Grant University with a Carnegie Research-One (R1) Classification. WVU is a public research university (high research activity as defined by the Carnegie Foundation) and receives over \$177 million worth of total sponsored funding annually. As the primary land-grant institution in West Virginia, teaching, research and engagement with the state through innovation and technology are at the forefront of its mission.

The Davis College has over 120 faculty, over 150 full-time staff, and enrolls over 2000 undergraduate and over 300 graduate students across a full spectrum of degree programs (28) housed in five academic units. The REM Division is a diverse unit consisting of about 15 faculty and equivalent positions in agri-business management, environmental and energy resources management, environmental and natural resource economics, geospatial sciences, and related business, law, policy and analytical disciplines. The Division houses three undergraduate academic majors and offers M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. Together with the College's Division of Forestry and Natural Resources it makes up the College's School of Natural Resources.

**Responsibilities:** This position is a 9-month, tenure track appointment. The successful candidate will develop a high-quality teaching and research program in support of undergraduate and graduate programs in the REM Division, and as allied with other programs in the College and University. Teaching areas of emphasis include rural enterprise development and entrepreneurship; agribusiness management, finance, or accounting; natural resource, and/or energy enterprises; and rural/regional development strategies. The expected annual teaching assignment is four courses, or its equivalent including advising and mentoring, with delivery as in-class or online, as determined in consultation with the unit director. This position will be expected to develop an internationally recognized, externally funded research program focused on agribusiness, entrepreneurship, and/or rural development issues.

The position also will require service activities to advance that mission of the University as well. This position will be expected to work with faculty members in the Division as well as Davis College, WVU Extension, and potentially collaborate with WVU colleagues at the Regional Research Institute or the university's Launch Lab. This position will be expected to take the lead in developing initiatives to increase undergraduate enrollments, collaborate with state initiatives aimed at developing agricultural sector and rural communities in general.

**Qualifications:** The successful applicant must have a PhD by the time of appointment. in agricultural and/or resource economics, economics, regional science, rural/NR policy, or a closely related field. Candidates are expected to have a strong commitment to teaching excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Candidates must demonstrate the ability to conduct research, secure external funding, advise graduate students, and disseminate results in leading academic journals.

**Salary and Timing:** Salary for the position is competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications of the person selected. The successful candidate will be expected to start by August 1, 2019.

**Applications:** West Virginia University encourages applications from and nominations of women, disabled individuals, veterans, and members of minority groups. Qualified applicants should submit an application letter along with statements of teaching and research interests; a detailed resume of education, experience and qualifications; college transcripts; and the names, mail, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of three or more references (they will not be contacted without permission from the candidate). Applications are to be submitted on-line at: <https://careers.wvu.edu/home>.

For more information, contact Dr. Cheryl Brown, Search Committee Chair (Cheryl.Brown@mail.wvu.edu). For additional information, you may contact Denise Hunnell, Senior Office Administrator, Office of the Dean at [denise.hunnell@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:denise.hunnell@mail.wvu.edu), or by telephone at 304-293-2383. The review of applications will begin on January 15, 2019 and will continue until the position is filled.

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