



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR HORTICULTURE

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Position: The Division of Plant and Soil Sciences at West Virginia University is searching for a candidate to fill a faculty position in horticulture. The position is a nine-month, research and teaching, tenure-track appointment at the rank of assistant professor. West Virginia University is the state's flagship land grant institution and currently enrolls over 33,000 students and is a high research activity University as defined by the Carnegie Foundation. The Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Design has 108 faculty and 150 full-time staff, enrolls 1700 undergraduate and 280 graduate students across a full spectrum of degree programs (28) housed in five academic divisions. The Plant and Soil Sciences Division is a diverse unit consisting of about 25 faculty and equivalent positions in agronomy, soil science, entomology, genetics, horticulture, environmental microbiology, and plant pathology. The Division houses six undergraduate academic majors and offers M.S. and Ph.D. degrees.

Responsibilities: The applicant will be expected to develop an independent research program that will be competitive in obtaining extramural funds and has potential for international recognition. The area of research should directly or indirectly complement basic and/or applied aspects of horticulture. Applicants with expertise in molecular and/or physiological approaches are especially encouraged to apply. Teaching will entail at least two to three undergraduate courses annually, the exact assignment will be determined by the expertise and interest of the applicant. The applicant will be involved in the horticulture graduate program and advise students.

Qualifications: The applicant must have a PhD in Horticulture or closely related field with a dedication to excellence in both teaching and research with an expectation of service as well. Start-up funds and an initial period of summer employment are possible.

APPLICATIONS: West Virginia University is strongly committed to affirmative action and encourages applications from and nominations of women, disabled individuals, and members of minority groups. Candidates should submit a letter of application, statement of teaching and research philosophy, curriculum vita and three letters of reference. The review of applications will begin on August 15, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled. Preferred starting date is January 1, 2014. WVU will accept and prefers electronic submissions, send as attachments to: barton.baker@mail.wvu.edu. Written applications should be directed to:

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Plant and Soil Sciences

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