

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO ASSISTANT PROFESSORS IN GENETICS

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Position: The Division of Plant and Soil Sciences at West Virginia University invites applications for two full-time, 9-month, tenure-track assistant professor positions in genetics. 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 two successful applicants will be expected to develop strong, extramurally funded research programs applying molecular genetics or genomics to questions relevant to disciplines represented in the Division of Plant and Soil Sciences:

Plans are to fill one position with a researcher with expertise in plant development, plant stress biology, or plant-microbe interactions including mycorrhizal and other symbioses.

Applicants for the second position may have expertise in the areas listed above or in other disciplines represented in the Division of Plant and Soil Sciences including environmental microbiology, forages/grasses, and entomology.

Teaching responsibilities associated with these positions include an undergraduate genetics course with a laboratory (which may be alternated between the two successful candidates by semester), graduate courses in the candidates' areas of expertise, and advising of graduate students.

Qualifications: Applicants must have a Ph.D. with a strong genetic component to their research. Applicants must be dedicated to excellence in both teaching and research and have excellent written and oral communication skills. A start-up package which includes summer salary is possible.

APPLICATIONS: West Virginia University is strongly committed to affirmative action and encourages applications from 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 positions are

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:

PSS GEN Selection Committee
Plant and Soil Sciences
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