

**West Virginia University  
School of Natural Resources  
Postdoctoral Fellow Position Description**

**Position Location** Morgantown/Monongalia County/West Virginia/various field sites

**Position Terms** Full-time (40hpw), benefits eligible (Salary--\$47,484/year)

The incumbent focuses on various research projects dealing with the development of land reclamation education, human dimensions of land use, and perceptions of water quality at the state, national and international levels. Project sponsors may include NPS, NOAA, USFS, USGS, NIFA and others. This position will require the organization of stakeholder meetings related to visitor use monitoring, water quality perceptions and other topics in varying locations across the US, data analysis, and journal manuscript submissions.

**Specific tasks include, but are not limited to:**

- 1) Plan and conduct surveys with various population segments
- 2) Create and maintain existing project databases for data analysis.
- 3) Attend research conferences, read scientific literature findings.
- 4) Write research proposals, papers, and abstracts.
- 5) Conduct literature reviews as needed to meet research goals.
- 6) Perform laboratory and field experiment activities according to protocol.
- 7) Oversee research facilities and personnel

**Education and/or Experience**

- 1) Successful completion of a Ph.D. Program in a social science field from an accredited university.
- 2) Experience with SPSS, SAS or other statistical analysis programs is required.

**Location:** The West Virginia University main campus is located in Morgantown, a small city of 45,000 in the Appalachian Mountains on West Virginia's northern border adjacent to Pennsylvania. WVU is a comprehensive land-grant university that enrolls 29,000 students. It is classified as "R1 - highest research activity" university by the Carnegie Foundation. The Morgantown campus is situated along the Monongahela River and Rail Trail and within 10 miles of the 12,000-acre Cooper's Rock State Forest, and is within easy traveling distance of Washington, D.C. to the east, Pittsburgh, PA., to the north, and Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, to the west. Morgantown is a safe, inclusive, and family-friendly community.

**Application:** Qualified applicants should submit an application letter, detailed curriculum vitae, transcripts, and a list of three professional references that include all necessary contact information (address, telephone number, and e-mail address). All correspondence and inquiries should be directed to:

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