

## **Assistant Professor, Wildlife and Fisheries Resources - Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design- 17847**

### **Description**

The Division of Forestry and Natural Resources in West Virginia University's Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design (<http://davis.wvu.edu/>) in Morgantown, WV, invites applications for a 9-month (academic year), tenure track Assistant Professor position in the Wildlife and Fisheries Resources program. Appointment will begin in August 2022.

### **University and Program**

West Virginia University, designated as a Research University (High Research Activity), is a comprehensive, land-grant institution with an enrollment of over 29,000 students and includes a highly-regarded Medical Center and Law school <http://www.wvu.edu>. The University is situated in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, 75 miles south of Pittsburgh, PA, within easy driving distance of major eastern metropolitan areas including NYC and Washington, DC. Morgantown – West Virginia's fourth largest city – recently was rated No. 1 Small City in America, Best Small City in the East, and 3rd Best Small Town in the nation. These high ratings resulted from its mix of intellectual, cultural, and social amenities; university services (including medical); year-round summer and winter outdoor recreational opportunities; small town warmth; and a public-school system that has been rated in the top two percentile in academic performance nationwide.

The Division of Forestry and Natural Resources has five programs of study: Energy Land Management (ELM), Forest Resources Management (FRM), Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Resources (RPTR), Wildlife and Fisheries Resources (WFR), and Wood Science and Technology (WST). The Division is located in Percival Hall on the Evansdale campus, manages the 107-acre farm woodlot in Morgantown, the 7,800-acre University Research Forest at Coopers Rock, and several other forest properties located throughout West Virginia.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

The faculty member will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in the following areas: Introduction to Wildlife and Fisheries (WMAN 175), Renewable Resources Policy and Governance (WMAN 421) and a graduate course in their area of expertise. They will also actively participate in undergraduate advising, mentoring of graduate students and curriculum development.

The candidate will be expected to develop an externally funded, nationally recognized research program focusing on wetland system ecology and management and complements existing program strengths.

The faculty member will engage in professional outreach activities and actively participate in university, community, and professional service activities. The faculty member will participate in program and division meetings, and contribute to course, curriculum and program assessment activities.

**Salary and Rank:** Salary commensurate with background and experience. Rank at the Assistant Professor level.

**Deadline:** Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, but for best consideration apply by November 12, 2021.

Candidates must meet standard eligibility requirements to work in the United States and have demonstrated effective verbal and written communication skills in English. Applicants may apply for the position at <https://careers.wvu.edu/career-opportunities> and navigate to the position title listed above.

**Upload the following documents for application:**

- 1) Letter of application that discusses qualifications for the position;
- 2) Curriculum vitae, including a list of courses taught with dates;
- 3) A philosophy of teaching statement;
- 4) A research goals and achievements statement;
- 5) Letters of recommendation from three professional references;

Direct inquires to Dr. Robert Burns, Director of the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources at [Robert.Burns@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Robert.Burns@mail.wvu.edu).

**Qualifications**

**Required:** Candidates must have a doctorate degree in Wildlife Science or related field. All required qualifications must be met by the time of appointment.

At West Virginia University, we pride ourselves on a tireless endeavor for achievement. We are home to some of the most passionate, innovative minds in the country who push their limits for the sake of progress, constantly moving the world forward. Our students, faculty and staff make this institution one of the best out there, and we are proud to stand as one voice, one university, one WVU. Find out more about your opportunities as a Mountaineer at <https://talentandculture.wvu.edu/>.

West Virginia University is proud to be an Equal Opportunity employer and is the recipient of an NSF ADVANCE award for gender equity. The University values diversity among its faculty, staff, and students, and invites applications from all qualified applicants regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, nationality, genetics, disability, or Veteran status.

**Dual Career Program**

Meeting the needs of today's professional couples is a critical factor in WVU's success in recruiting and retaining new faculty and senior staff. Our Dual Career Program assists couples in your employment search. WVU belongs to the OH/Western PA/WV Higher Education Recruitment Consortium (HERC). Please visit [dualcareer.wvu.edu](http://dualcareer.wvu.edu) and [ohwpawvherc.org](http://ohwpawvherc.org) for more information and job postings.