Department Chair in Biostatistics

The School of Public Health at West Virginia University is seeking a chair for the Department of Biostatistics to provide academic leadership. This is a unique opportunity to support, shape, and expand innovative biostatistical collaboration, teaching and research for a young department in a dynamic, diverse academic environment. The Department consists of 9 full-time faculty members and 2 staff and currently offers a graduate certificate, an MPH, and an MS in Biostatistics.

The Biostatistics faculty are highly collaborative and productive with expertise across all disciplines of public health. Faculty research interests include Bayesian computation, categorical analysis, causal inference, clinical trials, coarsened data, meta-analysis, nonlinear models, psychometrics, structural equation modeling, statistical algorithms and the analysis of electronic medical records. The faculty currently partner with many groups, including the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center, the WV Clinical and Translational Science Institute, the WVU Injury Control Research Center, the WV Prevention Research Center, the WVU School of Medicine, the Stroke Center for Biomedical Research Excellence (CoBRE), and the Coronary Artery Risk Detection In Appalachian Communities (CARDIAC) Project.

We seek applicants with a PhD in Biostatistics or a closely aligned field, a sustained record of externally funded collaborative research, an excellent teaching record, experience in mentoring junior faculty and graduate students, and a record of administrative experience and budget management. The Chair is expected to provide active leadership for the department’s curricula and growing research portfolio, as well as manage the department’s personnel and resources. The successful candidate will demonstrate accomplishments sufficient to qualify for hire at the rank of tenured Professor, will have excellent interpersonal and leadership skills, and will have the vision and ability to raise the national and international stature of the department. Salary and start-up package is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

The CEPH-accredited School of Public Health currently has 53 faculty members and over 150 students enrolled in its MPH programs, an MS degree in School Health Education, the MS degree in Biostatistics, and a Public Health Sciences PhD program. An undergraduate major in Public Health commences in 2016. The School is located at a comprehensive health sciences center with collaborative relationships with the Schools of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy as well as the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health located adjacent to the School. Patient care facilities include a 460-bed teaching hospital, a Level 1 trauma center, a children’s hospital, a 70-bed psychiatric hospital and affiliated organizations across the state.

West Virginia University is a comprehensive, land-grant, Carnegie-designated University of High Research Activity, with 32,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. Morgantown is consistently rated as one of the best small towns in the U.S., with affordable housing, excellent schools, a picturesque countryside, many outdoor recreational activities, and close proximity to major cities including Pittsburgh and Washington, DC.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter describing their experience and reasons for interest in the position, a vision statement, a curriculum vitae, and contact information for three references. Full letters of recommendation will be required once finalists have been identified. Interested applicants should address their materials to Robert Duval, Chair, Biostatistics Search Committee at rduval2@hsc.wvu.edu.

WVU is an EEO/Affirmative Action Employer. Underrepresented class members are encouraged to apply. This includes: minorities, females, individuals with disabilities and veterans.