

## **Department Chair – Forensic and Investigative Science**

Job Number: 04406

The Department of Forensic and Investigative Science (FIS) at West Virginia University (<http://forensics.wvu.edu/>) seeks a strong leader to serve as Department Chair. The College has invested heavily in FIS and is looking for a Chair to lead this successful department to greater national prominence.

The Department Chair is part of the leadership team of the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences. The Chair will be expected to promote principles of shared faculty governance; foster a transparent culture that values and seeks input from all stakeholders; facilitate professional development of faculty, students, and staff; and guide the department to increased research activity and competitiveness. The Chair will provide responsible and professional leadership in managing the day-to-day operational needs of the department, including: (1) fiscal management, hiring, and supervision of staff; (2) evaluating faculty; and (3) allocating facilities and equipment for teaching, research, and service activities.

Qualifications include: a Ph.D. or equivalent degree; evidence of successful administrative leadership; knowledge of research and educational trends in forensic and investigative science; ability to work collaboratively in a diverse environment with a range of students, faculty, administrators, and external constituents; ability to manage budgets and establish fiscal priorities; strong written and oral communication skills; and an established record of successful teaching and externally funded research that should merit a faculty rank of Professor with tenure at WVU.

The WVU Department of FIS is recognized as among the best programs in the nation. FIS offers FEPAC-accredited degrees at both the BS and MS levels. With the recent addition of a new research-based PhD program, the Department becomes the only department in the country to offer a BS, MS, and PhD in forensic science. The current student cohort consists of more than 250 degree-seeking students, of which ca. 80% are from out-of-state; recent students have come to our programs from 32 states and 6 countries. The department also offers a complete range of academic and outreach programs including an FIS Minor with 200 students; a partnership with the College of Law to provide instruction in the LLM in Forensic Justice; and the Forensic Science Academy for Professionals, which provides continuing education and training needs to forensic professionals in the field. The faculty consists of five tenure-track appointments and six full-time teaching and clinical faculty.

The department has 18,000 square feet of state-of-the-art laboratory space and offices in Oglebay Hall, which was fully renovated in 2007. Laboratory spaces include a dedicated computer lab with AFIS and IBIS systems, a microscopy lab, and an SEM lab. The department's Crime Scene Training Complex is the largest of its kind on a college campus and is composed of four crime scene houses, a Vehicle Processing Center, and a new Ballistics Testing Center.

WVU, located in Morgantown, is a comprehensive land grant university enrolling 30,000 students in 113 degree programs. Our Carnegie Classification is “Doctoral Universities: Highest Research Activity.” Morgantown has been recognized as one of the most livable small cities in the U.S. There are extensive recreational opportunities, affordable housing, and a supportive environment to develop a visible and productive career.

To apply for this position, visit <http://jobs.wvu.edu>, navigate to the faculty tab, then to the position title listed above, and submit (as a single PDF document) (a) a letter of application outlining your administrative experience and interest in this leadership position, your approach to managing your leadership role relative to research and teaching, and your philosophy of graduate and undergraduate education; (b) curriculum vitae; and (c) contact information for at least three references who may speak to your skills in leadership and management. Applications will be processed until the position is filled but those received by January 9, 2017 will receive priority consideration. The preferred start date of July 1, 2017 is negotiable. For further information, contact the search committee chair: [Gregory.Dudley@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Gregory.Dudley@mail.wvu.edu).

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