Position Announcement

Assistant Professor of Financial Planning
 Virginia Tech

Applicants are sought for a tenure-track, academic-year position in financial planning with a teaching and research appointment in the department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. The position is available August 10, 2009. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications.

Required Qualifications: Doctorate in Financial Planning, Agricultural/Applied Economics, Finance, Consumer/Family Economics or Economics with an emphasis in personal financial planning. The successful applicant will possess strong teaching skills and training to conduct applied research relating to financial planning.

Desired Qualifications: CFP® certificant or earned within four years of hire date. Professional designations such as CPA, CFA, CLU, ChFC, JD or other financial designations. Demonstrated commitment to the financial planning profession and active membership in relevant professional organizations. Expertise with planning, CRM or portfolio management software.

Responsibilities: Participate in leading a nationally recognized financial planning program through teaching, research and outreach. Teach undergraduate courses, and advise, counsel and mentor students in terms of academics, professional internships and participation in extracurricular professional experiences. Conduct and publish research in refereed journals that investigate important topics related to financial planning. Obtain external funding through grants and industry gifts/partnerships to support teaching and research. Professional outreach service in the area of financial planning is expected to professional groups, clientele groups in Virginia and the university community.

Virginia Tech: Virginia Tech (http://www.vt.edu/) is located in Blacksburg, VA (http://www.blacksburg.va.us/) with a full-time student population of 29,000+ students. The position is located in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics (http://www.aaec.vt.edu/aaec/), which is the primary home for the Financial Planning program (http://www.aaec.vt.edu/aaec/UGFinancialPlanning.html) at Virginia Tech, collaborates with the Department of Finance, Insurance & Business Law (http://www.finance.pamplin.vt.edu/) in offering the program. There are over 160 students enrolled in this joint program and the number is growing. The program is a CFP® Board of Standards Registered program (http://www.cfp.net/).

Application Procedure: Applicants should complete the faculty application online at https://www.jobs.vt.edu and submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and a list of three references and their contact information, and a statement of teaching philosophy and research interests as an attachment. Applicants should send copies of any teaching evaluations, and a recently published journal article or working paper from dissertation to:

Ruth Lytton, Search Committee Chair
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Virginia Tech
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In addition, applicants should have official academic transcripts and three letters of reference sent to Dr. Lytton.

Review of applications will begin June 20, 2009, and continue until a suitable candidate is found. Virginia Tech has a strong commitment to the principles of diversity, and in that spirit, seeks a broad spectrum of candidates including women, minorities, and people with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities desiring accommodations in the application process should notify Dr. Lytton.