

Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, Virginia Tech **Non-formal Teaching and Learning**

The Department of Agricultural and Extension Education (AEE) at Virginia Tech invites applicants for a calendar year, tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant Professor level, with expertise in **non-formal teaching and learning**. This appointment is 60% teaching and 40% extension. In addition, the successful candidate will contribute to the Agricultural and Extension Education Department as a team member in transforming lives through learning, discovery and engagement.

Position responsibilities include:

- Develop curricula and course materials, and teach undergraduate and graduate courses in non-formal teaching and learning including technical non-formal methods, applied research methods, and a graduate course in the area of research expertise. Potentially teach courses in volunteer management, program development, and program evaluation.
- Mentor and assist undergraduate and graduate students in completion of degree requirements.
- Provide guidance to students and faculty in areas of scholarship and inquiry, and assist in the completion and publication of student and faculty works.
- Develop a systematic program of research in non-formal teaching and learning that is nationally recognized. This research program should contribute to the department's research efforts in the areas of strengths development, problem solving and decision making, program development and evaluation, and/or youth and adult leadership.
- Initiate, build and sustain external funding to support graduate students and the research program and leverage the existing resource strengths of the department.
- Develop and deliver an impactful extension program in non-formal teaching and learning, program development and evaluation, or professional development.
- Perform as a team member in achieving the goals of the unit, the College and the University and work collaboratively with Extension specialists and field faculty.

Virginia Tech, a land-grant university of the Commonwealth, has a student enrollment of 25,000 and is located in the town of Blacksburg, which is ranked as one of the best places to live in the United States (http://www.vt.edu/where_we_are/blacksburg/). Virginia Tech is also committed to creating a welcoming and supportive environment for all faculty members to ensure their success in academia (http://www.provost.vt.edu/resources_prospective_faculty.php)

Required Qualifications:

- An earned doctorate in agricultural education, extension education, adult education, non-formal education, or a closely related field.
- A capacity for directing high quality graduate and undergraduate academic programs in Agricultural and Extension Education.
- Ability to work with constituents and a student body from diverse backgrounds and

demonstrate a commitment and sensitivity to issues of diversity in the campus community.
-Excellent oral and written communication skills as well as expertise in utilizing technology in communication.

Preferred Qualifications:

- A record of successful external funding and scholarship is desirable.
- Demonstrated teaching expertise at the graduate and undergraduate level.
- Experience in designing and delivering academic courses by distance.
- Experience in delivering non-formal educational programs
- Experience with Cooperative Extension programs

Education:

An earned doctorate in agricultural education, extension education, adult education, non-formal education, or a closely related field.

For more information about the AEE department, visit <http://www.aee.vt.edu>. For more information or questions about the position, please contact:

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