**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**

**ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY**

**WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY**

**Position**: The Division of Plant and Soil Sciences at West Virginia University invites applications for a full-time, 9-month, tenure-track position as Assistant Professor in Environmental Microbiology. West Virginia University is the state’s flagship land grant institution, currently enrolls nearly 32,000 students, and is a high research activity university as defined by the Carnegie Foundation. The Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Design has 110 faculty and 150 full-time staff, enrolls 1700 undergraduate and 280 graduate students across a full spectrum of degree programs (28) housed in five academic divisions. The Division of Plant and Soil Sciences is a diverse unit consisting of about 25 faculty and equivalent positions in agronomy, soil science, entomology, genetics, horticulture, environmental microbiology, plant pathology, and weed science. The Division houses six undergraduate academic majors, and offers Masters and PhD degrees. The position is located on West Virginia University’s Evansdale campus in Morgantown, West Virginia.

**Responsibilities**: The successful candidate will be expected to teach one course annually in general microbiology, at least one other course in the candidate’s area of expertise, and advise graduate student research. The successful candidate will be expected to develop a research program that applies modern genetics/genomics, biochemistry, and/or bioinformatics tools to the study of microbial communities and their activities associated with soil, water, and/or plants (including plant phyllosphere or rhizosphere), and that addresses issues relevant to agricultural, forest, and/or other managed or impacted environments of West Virginia and the Eastern US region. Candidates well-grounded in organismal biology with expertise in the study of microbial communities of soil and water impacted by human activity, and/or the study of the plant microbiome, are particularly encouraged to apply.

**Qualifications:** Applicants must have a PhD in microbiology or related discipline, postdoctoral experience (one-year or more preferred). Candidates must have a strong dedication to excellence in both teaching and research, and possess demonstrated skills in written and oral communication.

**Applications:** Candidates should submit electronically a letter of application, statement of teaching and research philosophy, and curriculum vita merged into a single PDF document, along with three letters of reference to majenks@mail.wvu.edu. The review of applications will begin on July 27, 2015 and will continue until the position is filled. For more information about our programs, visit http://plantandsoil.wvu.edu/. Other queries can be directed to Dr. Matthew Jenks at majenks@mail.wvu.edu.

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