

## Job Posting: Professor and Head, Biological Sciences, Virginia Tech

### Virginia Tech Department of Biological Sciences: Professor and Head

The Department of Biological Sciences, in the College of Science at Virginia Tech, invites applications from visionary, creative, and energetic leaders for the position of Department Head. We combine an international reputation for excellence in research with a substantial teaching mission.

The department currently includes 47 tenure-track faculty members, two professors of practice, eight instructors, 25 support staff, and 23 research scientists, as well as more than 80 graduate students and 1300 undergraduate students. We are a diverse department with research groups in (1) ecology, evolution and behavior, (2) microbiology and immunology, and (3) molecular, cellular, developmental, and computational biology (<http://www.biol.vt.edu>). We play a central role in interdisciplinary research on campus, which includes engagement in Centers and Institutes such as the Global Change Center and Fralin Life Sciences Institute, and nine out of Virginia Tech's 14 Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Programs. Several faculty are associated with the Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute, located adjacent to the VTC School of Medicine in Roanoke, Virginia.

The successful applicant will advocate for the research, teaching and service missions of the department at the local, national, and international level, and will focus on achieving strategic goals within the department, college and university. She or he will foster the health and growth of the department, provide mentorship and professional guidance for existing faculty, and promote diversity and inclusion. Potential candidates must have a Ph.D. in Biological Sciences or closely related fields, demonstrated administrative and programmatic leadership experience, a broad understanding of the life sciences and interdisciplinary research, and exceptional professional achievements as evidenced by outstanding publications and sustained extramural funding. We seek a leader with vision, an open and inclusive management style, and the ability to communicate effectively across disciplines and at all levels within the university. The appointment will be at the level of tenured Full Professor.

Interested candidates should submit a current CV, a letter of interest (maximum 3 pages) that describes research interests, relevant experience and leadership style, and a list of three professional references upon applying through [www.jobs.vt.edu](http://www.jobs.vt.edu) posting number TR0170112 or via the link: <https://listings.jobs.vt.edu/postings/79650>. Review of applications will begin on October 31, 2017 and will continue until the position is filled. Please address inquiries to Professor Jeffrey Walters, Search Chair ([jrwalt@vt.edu](mailto:jrwalt@vt.edu); Department of Biological Sciences, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061, USA; 540-231-3847). If you are an individual with a disability and desire an accommodation, please contact Ms. Dreama Price ([dreama@vt.edu](mailto:dreama@vt.edu)). Virginia Tech does not discriminate against employees, students, or applicants on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, veteran status, or any other basis protected by law. Building on its motto of Ut Prosim (that I may serve), Virginia Tech is dedicated to InclusiveVT—serving in the spirit of community, diversity, and excellence. Virginia Tech actively seeks a broad spectrum of candidates to join our community in preparing leaders for the world.