Virginia Tech's Department of Entomology invites applications for a non-tenure-track position as Director of the Virginia Tech Pesticide Programs. This is a twelve-month, 100% Extension faculty appointment based on campus at Virginia Tech, a land-grant university in the scenic New River Valley of Virginia.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate will be expected to maintain well-established and highly recognized state pesticide safety education programs that function in close collaboration with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), Office of Pesticide Services (OPS). Virginia Tech Pesticide Programs (VTPP) offers pest managers and consumers information on pesticides, pesticide safety, pest management, educational opportunities and related services (vtpp.org). VTPP provides pesticide applicators with both regulatory information and certification training, and assists Virginia Cooperative Extension agents with pesticide safety education programming.

The incumbent will supervise an existing team of four full-time staff, and will work with the department head to provide direction for three Extension VTPP faculty. The Director will provide fiscal oversight and management of the VTPP budget, and will be responsible for developing and maintaining collaborations and communications with relevant units and agencies in the state as well as nationally. In addition, the Director will provide visionary leadership in establishing agendas and priorities for VTPP; manage an annual statewide train-the-trainer workshop for Extension field faculty; foster independent and collaborative efforts among VTPP faculty and staff; actively participate in Entomology Department outreach (e.g., through VTPP leadership of the Hokie BugFest, Hokie BugCamp, etc.); encourage professional development of VTPP personnel; provide leadership for the statewide Extension "pest and pesticide management" plan-of-work; serve as the state pesticide coordinator, IR-4 liaison, and state contact with the Southern IPM Center.

Preference will be given to individuals with an established track record in Extension relating to pesticide safety education and a demonstrated ability to secure and maintain extramural funding. Applicants should be able to demonstrate their ability to maintain the VTPP program at its current high-functioning capacity. The incumbent will support the mission of the land-grant university by participating in outreach and engaging local, state, and regional stakeholders.
Qualifications: Applicants are required to hold a M.S. in entomology, plant pathology, agronomy, weed science, agriculture education/communications or a related discipline, with significant experience in Extension pesticide programs and safety education at the state level, OR a PhD (preferred) in the same areas. Applicants should have a proven record of grantsmanship, supervisory experience, and an ability to lead education and outreach programs.

Application: Applications will be accepted online at [http://listings.jobs.vt.edu/postings/96948](http://listings.jobs.vt.edu/postings/96948), and applicants should submit: (1) a formal cover letter addressing qualifications and relevant experience (in Extension, pesticide safety, etc.), (2) a brief statement describing the applicant’s interest in and experience working with diverse groups and underrepresented populations, (3) a current curriculum vitae, and (4) the names and contact information of three references who can assess the applicant’s qualifications for this position. Inquiries concerning the position or application process should be directed to Dr. Tom Kuhar, search committee chair, at tkuhar@vt.edu or Dr. Tim Kring, Department Head timkring@vt.edu. Review of applications will begin June 1, 2019 and continue until a suitable candidate is selected.