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Dear Colleague:

The WVU School of Public Health, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences are pleased to announce several open-rank, tenure-track faculty positions. On behalf of the Search Committee, I would greatly appreciate your assistance in locating strong candidates with a commitment to research, teaching, and service for these positions. Enclosed is a copy of the position announcement.

West Virginia University is a Comprehensive Doctoral/Research Institution with a strong commitment to teaching and service. Our department has strong collaborative and multidisciplinary research faculty in the School of Medicine. Furthermore, with the recent addition of a doctoral program in Public Health Sciences, our department is continuing to strengthen its commitment to research and education. We welcome the opportunity to learn of highly competitive and committed researchers qualified for our positions.

I invite you to post the enclosed announcement in your department and circulate it among your colleagues. Alternatively, if you would prefer to nominate an individual for the position, you may contact me using the information provided below.

We appreciate your time and effort in helping us locate qualified candidates for the School of Public Health. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Open Tenure-track Faculty Positions: Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Tenure-track Faculty Positions in Social and Behavioral Sciences in a new School of Public Health. The West Virginia University School of Public Health seeks applicants for several full-time tenure-track positions (open rank) to join an expanding Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. This search has two goals: to expand (1) our dynamic research profile, and (2) the curriculum, including a PhD degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences. An overview of our graduate programs and our research interests can be found at our website: http://publichealth.hsc.wvu.edu/sbhs.

Tenure-track positions come with a competitive, twelve-month, full-time salary. All candidates should have strong methodological training and a terminal degree in Social and Behavioral Science or equivalent (e.g., Health Education/Promotion, etc.). Candidates with a research focus in any areas of social and behavioral science are welcome, although the following areas are of particular interest: obesity or diabetes prevention/mitigation, substance use, mental health, community-based interventions (including social marketing), applications of technology in interventions, program evaluation, and related areas. Candidates at the assistant professor level are expected to demonstrate future promise for establishing and maintaining a vibrant, independent, and extramurally funded research program. Senior candidates are expected to have clear evidence of research expertise as evidenced by a strong track record of peer-reviewed publications and grant funding. At all levels, candidates should be able to (1) collaborate with multidisciplinary research teams of basic, clinical, and applied researchers, (2) develop their own program of externally funded research, and (3) teach in their area of expertise. Excellent communication skills are also important.

Faculty members from Social and Behavioral Sciences have close ties with multiple research centers and institutes, including the CDC-funded Injury Control Research Center, a CDC-funded Prevention Research Center, the Center on Aging, the HRSA-funded Rural Health Research Center, and with the new WV Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute. We are adjacent to and a frequent research and educational collaborator with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Morgantown is consistently cited as a leading small city, with excellent schools, cultural and outdoor recreational activities, and proximity to major cities. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter describing their research and teaching experience, listing of contact information for three references, and curriculum vitae to Kimberly Host, search coordinator, at sbhs-search@hsc.wvu.edu. The position(s) will remain open until filled.

WVU is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. The WVU Health Sciences Center is a tobacco-free campus. West Virginia University is the recipient of an NSF ADVANCE award for gender equity.