Collegiate Assistant Professor in Consumer Studies
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences
Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management

The Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management is seeking a 9-month collegiate assistant professor with expertise in family financial management/counseling and consumer studies. A collegiate assistant professor is a non-tenure-track, multi-year faculty appointment. The involvement of collegiate faculty can include classroom and online teaching, curricular updates, course transformations, and the adoption/integration of innovative and inclusive pedagogy. Working in collaboration with the department’s other faculty, collegiate faculty may take a leading role in enhancing the curricula and promoting teaching excellence. The Consumer Studies major is housed within the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management. The option emphasizes consumer protection, policy, and financial counseling. This position will provide additional support for students seeking the Accredited Financial Counseling designation and expand the financial counseling experiences of students.

Graduates in Consumer Studies enter a variety of careers in personal financial counseling, personal finance, management, marketing, human resources, and consumer affairs.

Applicants should have an earned doctorate in family financial management/counseling, consumer studies, or closely related field. The starting date is August 10, 2019. Review of applications will begin January 22, 2019 and continue until a suitable candidate is appointed. Salary is commensurate with qualifications. Complete a successful criminal background check.

Responsibilities include:
• Teach undergraduate courses in financial counseling, family financial management, and debt and credit management. The expected teaching load is three/three courses per academic year.
• Develop a research scholarship program that includes scholarly presentations and publications appropriate for Collegiate Faculty at a R1 research university.
• Develop and oversee a financial counseling lab for the campus community.
• Contribute to the consumer studies program by networking with industry for internships, employment, and professional development opportunities for students.
• Advise undergraduate students.
• Serve on departmental, college, and university committees.
• Participate in occasional travel to attend professional conferences and meetings.

Required Qualifications:
• Doctoral degree in family financial management/counseling, consumer studies, or closely related field by August 10, 2019
• Teaching experience
• Demonstrated potential for successful scholarship and research productivity, as well as success in grant funding
• Eligible to work in the United States

Preferred Qualifications:
• Financial counseling experience
• Financial counseling lab experience
• Teaching experience with large enrollment and online courses
To Apply
To apply, go to http://www.jobs.vt.edu posting #TR0180160 and complete the on-line application. You will be asked to supply brief demographic information and to upload a cover letter (describing qualifications and relevant experience in teaching and research or creative scholarship) and your vita. Please also include the names and contact information of three references. If you have specific questions about the position, please contact Dr. Patti Fisher, Chair, Search Committee, at 540-231-7218 or pafisher@vt.edu. If you are an individual with a disability and desire accommodation, please contact Dianna Givens at diannam@vt.edu.

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