Future Faculty Development Program

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Introduction

Virginia Tech’s Future Faculty Development Program is an exciting and rewarding two-day event for a small group of doctoral students and post-doctoral scholars interested in pursuing academic careers. The program brings doctoral candidates and post-doctoral scholars to campus for an all expense paid workshop on preparing for life as a faculty member.

Objectives

- Enhance Virginia Tech’s faculty pipeline by establishing and developing significant meaningful relationships with prospects, especially those from groups underrepresented in the professoriate, such as minorities and women.

- Provide participants the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and rewards of a faculty career.

- Develop a network of emerging scholars in priority research areas who could be candidates for future faculty positions at Virginia Tech.

Selection Criteria

Participants must:

- Be a graduate student or post-doctoral scholar within one or two years of seeking a faculty position at a research intensive institution.

- Demonstrate career goals, research interests, and academic potential that align with Virginia Tech’s mission and programs.

- Be able to meaningfully contribute to the university’s continuing commitment to diversity and inclusive excellence.

For application information and deadlines, contact futurefaculty@vt.edu.

Program Description

The Future Faculty Development Program provides potential candidates the opportunity to hear presentations and have candid discussions with deans, department heads, and current faculty about life as a faculty member and the range of responsibilities in learning, discovery, and engagement.

As part of the experience, participants will be hosted by a Virginia Tech department to tour research facilities; meet with current faculty members to gain a greater awareness of research and teaching opportunities available on campus; and discuss their career prospects and academic work.
About Virginia Tech

Dedicated to its motto, *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve), Virginia Tech takes a hands-on, engaging approach to education, preparing scholars to be leaders in their fields and communities.

As the commonwealth’s most comprehensive university and its leading research institution, Virginia Tech offers 215 undergraduate and graduate degree programs to more than 30,000 students and manages a research portfolio of nearly $400 million.

- Located in Blacksburg, Virginia
- Eight colleges and graduate school
- 65 bachelor’s degree programs
- 150 master’s and doctoral degree programs
- 30,000+ full-time students

Main campus includes more than 125 buildings on 2,600 acres
Ranked 44th in university research in the United States

**Virginia Tech Inclusive Environment**

Virginia Tech has developed and implemented strategies for an inclusive environment through the Office for Diversity and Inclusion, whose purpose is to promote, sustain, and advance an environment that supports principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and community.

**Virginia Tech Core Values**

Virginia Tech’s institutional core values of freedom of inquiry, mutual respect, lifelong learning, commitment to diverse and inclusive communities, *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve), personal and institutional integrity, and a culture of continuous improvement are aligned with the University Strategic Plan.

**About the Area**

Blacksburg, nestled on a plateau between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains, is home to about 41,700 local residents.

Blacksburg is consistently ranked among the country’s best places to live due to the town’s award-winning services, reasonable cost of living, safety, moderate climate, and abundant leisure activities.

Blacksburg is located within a day’s drive of two-thirds of the country’s population and close to Interstates 81, 77, and 64, and U.S Routes 460 and 11. Transportation options include public bus, commercial air, and rail. Roanoke is 40 miles to the east; Washington, D.C., is 275 miles to the northeast; and Norfolk is 291 miles east.

- In 2011, Bloomberg Businessweek named Blacksburg the best place in the United States to raise children.
- A high-tech, professional environment, Blacksburg is one of the most “wired” communities on the planet, offering mobile connection to the Internet from anywhere in town.
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