



# WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

## **Assistant Professor of Computer Science (Cybersecurity) College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

### **About West Virginia State University**

West Virginia State University is a public land-grant institution with a rich history, founded in 1891 as a Historically Black College and University (HBCU). It has since evolved into a fully accessible, diverse, and multi-generational institution, proudly serving approximately 3,500 students. Our university community comprises dedicated students, staff, and faculty committed to fostering innovative teaching and learning, advancing research, and contributing to meaningful service initiatives. WVSU offers 23 undergraduate and seven graduate degrees through its four colleges, and our athletic teams compete at the NCAA Division II level in seven men's sports and eight women's sports. Located in Institute, WV, a suburb of Charleston, which is the largest city and the capital of West Virginia, WVSU enjoys the benefits of a vibrant, diverse, and engaging community with more than 300,000 residents in the metropolitan area. The region offers a rich cultural scene, historical events, music, festivals, and entertainment.

### **Position Description**

The Department of Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science at West Virginia State University announces a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Computer Science starting in the Fall 2025 semester. We are seeking candidates who have a passion for both teaching and research. This is a full-time, 9-month position with 50% teaching and 50% research appointment. The teaching load is six credit hours per semester, consisting of undergraduate and graduate classes. The successful candidate will work closely with faculty across disciplines, develop curriculum, mentor undergraduate and graduate students, conduct interdisciplinary research, publish in reputable journals, and actively engage in grant writing and secure funding to support the research agenda.

This position will help WVSU deliver its land-grant mission by expanding cybersecurity education, training, and awareness and developing an interdisciplinary research agenda to address critical challenges in cybersecurity applications in food, agriculture, and natural resources.

The Department offers Bachelor of Science degrees in Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science, minors in cybersecurity and data science, and a Master of Science degree in Computer Science. Fulfilling its land-grant mission, WVSU maintains a competitive portfolio of research programs. We also boast our state-of-the-art Cybersecurity Innovation Center and

vibrant partnerships with various companies and agencies, including USDA, IBM, Google, and NASA.

### **Position Responsibilities**

The successful candidate will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in cybersecurity and its applications (especially in critical infrastructure like agriculture) and other branches of computer science; advise and mentor undergraduate and graduate students; supervise undergraduate and graduate students' research projects; develop a robust research program focused on addressing cybersecurity challenges in food and agriculture industries; collaborate with faculty to integrate cybersecurity solutions into food, agricultural, and biological systems; publish research in peer-reviewed journals; write grants to secure extramural funding from USDA, other agencies, and industry partners; serve on departmental and university committees; and participate in community service activities related to cybersecurity awareness and training.

### **Qualifications**

Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Computer Engineering, or related fields at the time of appointment. ABD candidates will also be considered (but the candidates are expected to have their Ph.D. completed before the start of the Fall 2025 semester). The candidate should possess the skills necessary to write grants, actively engage in research, have excellent written and interpersonal skills, and meet eligibility requirements for work in the United States at the time of appointment.

### **Preferred Qualifications**

Preference will be given to the candidates who have one or more of the following:

- Teaching experience in a higher education institution,
- Postdoctoral research experience, a strong record of publications
- Research or teaching experience in agricultural cybersecurity, biological systems, precision agriculture, and/or autonomous agricultural systems.

### **To Apply**

This position will remain open until filled. However, priority consideration will be given to applicants who submit a complete application package, including a resume, cover letter, copies of academic transcripts of the terminal degree (originals required upon acceptance of job offer), and contact information (names, email addresses, or phone numbers) of three professional references by February 24, 2025. For full consideration, please ensure that all requested information is submitted.

Please submit application materials via email to [jobs@wvstateu.edu](mailto:jobs@wvstateu.edu) or mail to:

West Virginia State University  
Department of Human Resources  
P. O. Box 1000, 324 Ferrell Hall  
Institute, WV 25112

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