



# WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY

## **Assistant Professor of Chemistry Department of Chemistry and Physics**

### **West Virginia State University**

Founded in 1891, West Virginia State University (WVSU) is a public-land grant institution, which was originally founded as a historically black university, but which has evolved into a fully accessible, diverse, and multi-generational institution serving approximately 2,600 students. WVSU offers 23 undergraduate and 6 graduate degrees, along with one doctoral degree. WVSU competes in athletics at the NCAA Division II level in 7 men's sports and 8 women's sports. WVSU is located in Institute, WV, a suburb of Charleston, the largest city and the capital of West Virginia. With more than 200,000 people living in the metropolitan area, it is an active, exciting and engaging community, boasting cultural and historical events, music, festivals and entertainment.

### **Position Description**

The Department of Chemistry and Physics at West Virginia State University invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Chemistry position with the emphasis in analytical chemistry. This is a full-time, 9-month position. Full-time faculty members are expected to teach 12 credit hours per semester (with course release time available). The candidate should have the ability to teach undergraduate courses in general chemistry, analytical chemistry, and nursing chemistry. Candidates with an ability to teach introductory organic chemistry sequence will be preferred. Occasionally, there will be an opportunity to teach graduate level chemistry courses. The candidate is also expected to prepare external and internal grants, publish research, engage undergraduate students in research, participate in service activities, and advise students. The chemistry program has close ties with the local chemical industry. Our institution strongly supports securing funding from prestigious agencies such as USDA, NSF, NASA, NIH (WV-INBRE), and DOE.

The Department is housed within the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics which offers graduate programs in Biotechnology and Computer Science and undergraduate degree programs in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Engineering (Civil and Chemical majors), and Mathematics. So, there is a potential and expectation for collaboration.

### **Responsibilities for the Assistant Professor of Chemistry**

The successful candidate will teach undergraduate courses in chemistry, advise and mentor students, supervise undergraduate students' research projects, develop a robust research program in the area of bioanalytical chemistry, electroanalytical chemistry, food nutrient analysis and publish research in peer-reviewed journals, write grants to secure funding from internal and external sources, and serve on departmental and university committees. Research that will complements the existing research in the Biotechnology program is preferred. For questions, please contact the department chair at [mahinda.ranasinghe@wvstateu.edu](mailto:mahinda.ranasinghe@wvstateu.edu)

### **Requirements for the Assistant Professor of Chemistry**

Candidates must hold a terminal degree (Ph.D., D.Sc.) in chemistry with the emphasis on analytical chemistry by the time of appointment. The candidate should demonstrate ability to write competitive grants, actively engage in research, and meet eligibility requirements for work in the United States at the time of appointment. Postdoctoral experience is preferred.

### **(REQUIRED STATEMENTS)**

#### **To Apply:**

First consideration will be given to applicants who submit a resume, cover letter, academic transcripts, and the names and email addresses or phone numbers of three professional references by March 20, 2026. The position will remain open until filled. All requested information must be submitted for your application to be considered.

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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