

ARBORICULTURE / URBAN FORESTRY POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Tenure Track Faculty Position: Arboriculture / Urban Forestry
Western Illinois University School of Agriculture: <http://www.wiu.edu/ag>

APPOINTMENT: January 18, 2011

QUALIFICATIONS: Earned doctorate in forestry or closely related discipline is required by the start of the contract. Candidate is expected to meet the physical requirements of the tree care industry and must possess knowledge of temperate tree species and culture.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Preferred qualifications include previous experience in the tree care industry, undergraduate teaching, independent research, and service experience. Candidates with knowledge and experience in sustainable management practices and newer technology (GPS/GIS) are desired.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Candidate will teach arboriculture, dendrology, and urban forestry classes and IPM for ornamental/landscape plants. Candidate is expected to provide visibility and leadership for the UF program, communicate and interact with the agriculture/horticulture community, and conduct science/teaching based research. Candidate is expected to demonstrate effective communication and interpersonal skills with undergraduate students and serve on School of Agriculture, College, and University committees.

RANK & SALARY: Assistant Professor with salary commensurate with training and experience. Full benefits information: <http://www.wiu.edu/hr/benefits.php>

THE SCHOOL: The School of Agriculture (SOA) is one of eight departments in the College of Business & Technology and has 13 full-time faculty positions. Approximately 330 students are majoring in Agriculture. Included on the SOA's 3 farms are a tree nursery and horticultural plots; bull, swine, and ram test facilities; a livestock center; a row crop test and demonstration plots, including an 80-acre organic research and demonstration farm.

THE UNIVERSITY: Recognized as one of the "Best in the Midwest Colleges" by The Princeton Review and selected as one of just 21 public universities ranked a Tier 1 Midwestern Masters Institution by U.S. News and World Report, WIU serves more than 13,000 students through its traditional, residential, four-year campus in Macomb, IL and its upper division, urban commuter location in the Quad Cities/Moline.

WIU's friendly, accessible, campus communities are dedicated to higher values in higher education and are comprised of dedicated faculty, state-of-the-art technologies and facilities, and a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities for students and staff. The four core values at the heart of WIU are academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth, and social responsibility. WIU's GradTrac and Cost Guarantee programs ensure that students can achieve their degrees within four years while paying a fixed rate for tuition, fees, plus room and board. WIU remains the only university in Illinois to guarantee the cost for tuition, fees and room and board over a four-year period at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

WIU is a comprehensive, public university offering 62 undergraduate degree programs, 36 graduate degree programs and a doctorate degree. With a student to faculty ration of 16:1, WIU's 627 full-time faculty teach 93% of all undergraduate as well as graduate courses in addition to 13 pre-professional degree programs and 15 certificate programs.

WIU is a member of the NCAA Division I (NCAA Football Championship Subdivision), sponsoring 10 men's and 10 women's sports. The University is a charter member of the Summit League and the Missouri Valley Football Conference. WIU is the culture center of the region, with 12 major theatrical and dance productions and more than 12 studio shows presented annually in Western's three theaters. The Bureau of Cultural Affairs and the University Union Board present outstanding concerts, lectures, dramatic presentations, films, and dance attractions.

WIU's Leslie F. Malpass Library ranks among the finest at comprehensive universities in the United States and features two state-of-the-art electronic classrooms, a wireless computer network, and other ongoing technical improvements. The Malpass Library and its four branches house more than 1 million volumes; and the Library subscribes to more than 100 online databases offering access to more than 30,000 unique journal titles in full text.

WIU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

APPLICATION: Interested individuals should send an application letter, complete curriculum vita, copies of college transcripts, brief statement of teaching and research interests to:

Dr. William C. Bailey, Director
School of Agriculture, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL 61455-1390

Application Evaluation will begin February 1, 2010 and will continue until a suitable candidate is employed. Second-round candidates may be required to submit additional information on short notice.

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