

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

We are seeking an academic year, tenure-track assistant professor with expertise in family financial management/counseling and consumer studies. Applicants should have an earned doctorate in family financial management/counseling, consumer studies, or closely related field. The starting date is August 10, 2012. Review of applications will begin February 15, 2012 and continue until a suitable candidate is appointed. Salary is dependent on qualifications.

Responsibilities include:

- Teach undergraduate courses in family financial management, debt and credit management, and financial counseling.
- Develop a research or creative scholarship program that includes funding, scholarly presentations, and publications appropriate for a Rank 1 research university.
- Contribute to the consumer studies program by networking with industry for internships, employment, and professional development opportunities for students.
- Supervise student run financial counseling program.
- Advise undergraduate students.
- Serve on departmental, college, and university committees.

Qualifications include:

Required:

- Doctorate degree by August 10, 2012
- At least one earned degree in family financial management/counseling, consumer studies, or closely related field
- Potential for effective teaching, successful scholarship, productivity and grants
- Eligible to work in the United States

Preferred:

- Financial counseling experience
- Teaching experience
- Successful grantsmanship
- Publications in peer-reviewed journals
- Experience with cross disciplinary collaboration

About Consumer Studies

The Consumer Studies Option is located in the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management. The option emphasizes consumer protection, policy and financial counseling. It is developing a consumer education laboratory providing Virginia Tech students education about saving, energy efficiency and other consumer topics. This position will provide additional support for students seeking the Accredited Financial Counseling designation and expand financial counseling experiences of students. Many students obtain a minor in business or another area. Graduates in consumer studies enter a variety of careers in personal financial counseling, personal finance, management, marketing, human resources, and consumer affairs.

About the Department of Apparel, Housing, and Resource Management (<http://www.ahrm.vt.edu>)

The mission of AHRM is to improve quality of life for individuals, families, and the broader community by creating and extending knowledge in apparel, housing, and resource management. We apply business, consumer, and design perspectives to teaching and learning, research, and outreach. The department embraces innovative and effective teaching such as experiential learning, service learning, field study, study abroad, and undergraduate research. Thirteen faculty members are engaged in active instruction, research, and outreach programs. Currently, there are approximately 350 undergraduate students in the department.

About the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (<http://www.clahs.vt.edu>)

The College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences (CLAHS) combines the strengths of the humanities, social sciences, arts, human sciences, and education. With approximately 545 faculty, 95 staff, 3,500 undergraduate majors, and 710 graduate students, CLAHS is the third largest college in the University.

About Virginia Tech (<http://www.vt.edu>)

Dedicated to its motto, Ut Prosim (That I may serve), Virginia Tech takes a hands-on, engaging approach to education, preparing a diverse population of 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. Its main campus is located in Blacksburg, Virginia, between the Appalachian and Blue Ridge Mountains, near Roanoke.

About Blacksburg (<http://www.blacksburg.va.us/>)

Blacksburg, Virginia is in the scenic New River Valley. It is easily accessible by air and car. Blacksburg is adjacent to Christiansburg, Virginia, with a combined population of about 73,000. *Outside Magazine* recently described Blacksburg as one of 10 U.S. "dream towns," not just for the abundance of outdoor activities, but also its character, quality of life, low cost of living, and hi-tech jobs. If you love scenic beauty, hiking, boating, cycling, fishing, tubing, mountain climbing, a range of local music and a taste of Appalachian culture, it would be hard to find a more inviting place than Blacksburg. Simultaneously, Blacksburg and nearby Roanoke provide many metropolitan diversions and conveniences, including arts and culture, theater, several nearby colleges and universities, concerts by major artists from classical to blue grass to jazz to blues to rock, shopping, fine dining, and ethnic festivals.

To Apply

To apply, go to <http://www.jobs.vt.edu> 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. Rosemary Goss, Chair, Search Committee, at 540-231-4784 or rgoss@vt.edu.

Virginia Tech has a strong commitment to the principle of diversity and, in that spirit, seeks a broad spectrum of candidates including women, ethnic and other minorities, and people with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities desiring accommodations for the application process should notify the search committee chair.

Virginia Tech's Dual Career Program is available for faculty with a spouse or partner considering employment at the University. Further information is available at 540-231-7748 dualcareers@vt.edu