



James Madison University seeks an **ACADEMIC UNIT HEAD FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY**

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Our biology department seeks a unit head with a strong understanding of both the national trends in biology education and the future of the biology field. The unit head will lead the department as we pursue our vision to become a School of Life Sciences, which includes implementing an exciting new direction for our majors' curriculum to reflect the increasingly interdisciplinary nature of the biosciences. **Review of applications will begin on November 15, 2018.**

FACTS AND FIGURES:

- We currently serve over 1000 undergraduate majors and 19 Masters' students in a broad range of sub-disciplines including Ecology & Environmental Biology, Microbiology, and Neuroscience.
- We maintain a rigorous, student-centered research enterprise including undergraduate and graduate students
- Our curricular revision has resulted in a large-scale introductory CURE which has gained visibility as a national model for innovative approaches to gateway course revision
- We are the recipients of an HHMI Inclusive Excellence initiative to catalyze further advances in faculty development and student support over the next five years.
- We house the Center for Genome and Metagenome Studies (CGEMS) that supports research and training in the methods and principles of genomics, metagenomics, transcriptomics, and bioinformatics for students at all levels.
- Our facilities include a brand new gross anatomy dissection laboratory, state-of-the-art undergraduate anatomy laboratories, a vivarium, light microscopy facilities, an herbarium, and greenhouses.
- Our Light Microscopy and Imaging Facility provides instrumentation, resources, and training to empower high-quality research and education across JMU and the surrounding community
- State-of-the-art instrumentation housed in two new facilities- the BioSciences Building (2012) and the anatomy wing of Burruss Hall (2017)

QUALIFICATIONS

Candidates must be eligible for the rank of Full Professor and have a PhD in Biology or a closely-related field. The successful candidate should have a clear understanding of the national landscape of Biology education and research and have the potential to lead the department in its mission. The candidate must demonstrate a strong commitment to our research and educational activities, have the ability to advocate for faculty and students, and possess the skills to foster excellence in the department. The successful candidate is expected to have a history of productive, scholarly research programming that includes undergraduate mentoring, excellent communication, management, and leadership skills, and a demonstrated ability to build and foster collaborative working relationships within the College of Science and Mathematics and other external entities. The Biology Department is a large and complex unit, and the successful candidate must be able to manage large groups of people and delegate authority in the proposed School of Life Sciences. The successful candidate must have a demonstrated commitment to building an inclusive environment for students, faculty, and staff.

ABOUT JMU

Established in 1908, James Madison University is a comprehensive public institution offering undergraduate, masters and doctoral programs to more than 20,000 students. JMU is a competitively-ranked regional university and has been continuously cited in U.S. News and World Report, Changing Times and Money Magazine as an outstanding public university. Located in the heart of Virginia's beautiful Shenandoah Valley, the city of Harrisonburg is approximately 120 miles from Washington, D.C. and Richmond, VA. Known for its livability, diversity, local food, arts and natural surroundings, this Virginia Main Street community is a great place to live and work.

James Madison University is committed to creating and supporting a diverse and inclusive work and educational community that is free of all forms of discrimination. This institution does not tolerate discrimination or harassment on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, national origin, parental status, political affiliation, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or veteran status.

We promote access, inclusion and diversity for all students, faculty, staff, constituents and programs, believing that these qualities are foundational components of an outstanding education in keeping with our mission. The university is interested in candidates whose experience and qualifications support an ongoing commitment to this core quality.

Anyone having questions concerning discrimination should contact the Office for Equal Opportunity: (540) 568-6991.

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More information and all qualifications are listed at joblink.jmu.edu

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