



The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine



VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH (VPR)

About Us: West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) is a public institution of higher education founded in 1974 for the purpose of providing medical training in osteopathic medicine. For the past eleven years, WVSOM has been ranked by US News and World Report among its “Top Graduate Schools.” We are the largest medical school in West Virginia with about 800 students. WVSOM is also nationally recognized for graduating the second highest percentage of all allopathic and osteopathic medical school students who enter primary care residencies. WVSOM is proud of its cutting edge approach to medical education. We offer medical training enhanced by the latest in medical robotics technology and other high tech teaching and testing tools. In addition, WVSOM enhances the student medical experience through its Statewide Campus, a unique network of clinical institutions comprised of over 2400 clinical faculty in over 50 hospitals and clinics throughout the state. To accomplish one of our three mission priorities, i.e. advancement of knowledge through research, WVSOM seeks a Vice President for Research.

Position Summary: The VPR will lead the strategic planning and entrepreneurial development of scientific research programs including research related to the newly-created Obesity Center and will oversee all aspects of research at the institution. The VPR will be responsible for creating the basic science, public health and translational directions and approaches of the institution’s obesity research objectives and will develop strategies for implementing the clinical applications related to these research efforts. The VPR will liaise with local, State, Federal and non-federal sponsoring agencies and will augment existing statewide clinical and academic networks on behalf of the institution’s research initiatives. In addition, the VPR will advance and support the research efforts of current junior faculty through mentorship and grantsmanship. The VPR is charged with the expansion of the institution’s research activities, both programmatically and fiscally. Administrative responsibilities of the VPR include oversight of all aspects of research including the newly-created Office of Grants and Research, the Human Research and the Animal Welfare programs of the institution. The VPR reports directly to the President.

Basic Qualifications: The ideal candidate will have at least 5 years experience as a scientific leader of a research institute or university-based department. A PhD, DO, or MD degree is preferred, but we will consider other terminal degrees with related experience. The candidate must have a documented track record of continuous

research funding and scholarly contributions, including demonstrated success in scientific mentoring as exemplified by the awarding of career development, training and/or fellowship grants to pre and post doctoral students as well as junior faculty under their supervision. Experience in obesity or other health-related disparities is highly preferred. The successful candidate has experience in strategic planning, budget development and management, and demonstrates vision, creativity, and a sense of entrepreneurship.

Position: This is a full-time non-classified position with full state benefits and is exempt from FLSA provisions regarding overtime. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience.

Application: Qualified applicants should send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and a list of five references and their contact information to include addresses, e-mail, and phone numbers to Leslie Bicksler, Director of Human Resources. Applications are considered confidential, and references will not be contacted without notifying the applicant. Applicants are encouraged to send application packets via e-mail to lbicksler@osteo.wvsom.edu. Material that cannot be e-mailed may be sent to Leslie Bicksler, WVSOM, 400 North Lee Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901. The search committee will begin its review of applications upon receipt.

West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to enhancing diversity among its faculty and staff.

Why You Will Like Living Here: Our postcard-perfect location in historic Lewisburg, WV, provides big-city amenities amid spectacular natural beauty. Designated as one of America's most desirable vacation destinations by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Lewisburg is a cosmopolitan community wrapped in small town charm. Cultural activities abound, with antique shops, art galleries, specialty shops, fine dining, and year-round musical and theater performances. The world-famous Greenbrier resort is just minutes away in White Sulphur Springs and live music and arts are offered at Carnegie Hall, one of only four such facilities in the nation. These unique features have earned Lewisburg distinction as one of America's best small art towns, as well as recognition by National Geographic magazine as one of its picks for "Best Small Town Escapes."

Conveniently located in close proximity to major metropolitan centers, including Washington, DC, Richmond, VA, Charlotte, NC, Pittsburgh, PA, and Columbus, OH, Lewisburg's picturesque location is served by the Greenbrier Valley Airport and Amtrak rail service nearby.

Recreational activities abound right in our backyard. Wild, Wonderful West Virginia is home to some of the most majestic scenery and exhilarating outdoor recreational opportunities in the country. There truly is something for everyone, right in our backyard. Whether it's hiking or biking along the many well-developed trails in the region, camping amid the pristine surroundings of lush mountain forests, golfing on magnificent area courses, or exploring your adventurous side with canoeing, kayaking, or whitewater rafting—West Virginia is full of wonder at whatever level of "wild" you enjoy.

More information about Lewisburg and Greenbrier County can be located on the following website: Greenbrier County Convention and Visitor's Bureau www.greenbrierwv.com; Greater Greenbrier Chamber of Commerce www.greenbrierwvchamber.org; City of Lewisburg www.lewisburg-wv.com; The Greenbrier Resort www.greenbrier.com