



URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING--ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

# POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**APPOINTMENT:** August 2012

**REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Ph.D. in Geography, Planning, Urban Studies or related fields with urban and regional planning specialization (ABD considered).

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Candidates should demonstrate strengths in geography, planning and ability to use GIS for related planning applications; commitment to excellence in teaching and mentoring of students; demonstrate ability to support existing major and minor programs and contribute to department interdisciplinary mission.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The successful applicant will teach both introductory and advanced undergraduate level, as well as graduate courses, and develop at least one new course consistent with our planning programs. Courses to be taught include nonmetropolitan planning, land use planning, introduction to human geography, GIS and courses in the candidate's area of specialization. The applicant must maintain active research and publication, plus seek external grants and participate in service activities.

**RANK & SALARY:** Assistant Professor, tenure-track. Competitive salary. ABD would be hired as instructor and given one year to complete the doctorate.

**THE DEPARTMENT:** The Department of Geography has 12 full-time and 3 part-time faculty members. Undergraduate programs include Bachelor of Science degrees in Geography and Meteorology, and minors in Geography, GIS, Meteorology, and Environmental Studies. Graduate programs include a Master of Arts in Geography and post-baccalaureate certificates in Community Development and Environmental GIS. The meteorology program meets the National Weather Service requirements for employment as a meteorologist. The department has a GIS lab, a new multipurpose lab, and houses the WIU GIS Center. Department website: [www.wiu.edu/geography](http://www.wiu.edu/geography).

**THE UNIVERSITY:** Recognized as a "Best Midwestern College" by the Princeton Review and one of 37 public universities recognized as top tier "Best Regional University" by U.S. News and World Report, Western Illinois University (WIU) serves approximately 13,000 students in the heart of the Midwest through its traditional residential, four-year campus in Macomb and its metropolitan, non-residential campus in Moline, Illinois.

Western's campuses are dedicated to providing quality, accessible and affordable education. The WIU-Macomb and Quad Cities campuses are comprised of accomplished faculty, state-of-the-art technology and facilities, and a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities. The four core values at the heart of the University are academic excellence, educational opportunity, personal growth, and social responsibility. WIU's Cost Guarantee program ensures that students pay 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 university offering 66 undergraduate and 37 graduate degree programs. With a student-to-faculty ratio of 16:1, the University's 672 full-time faculty members teach 95 percent of all undergraduate and graduate courses, in addition to 10 pre-professional degree programs and 19 certificate programs.

Western offers a broad-based athletics program, sponsoring 20 NCAA Division I intercollegiate varsity sports. Football competes in the NCAA Division I Football

Championship Subdivision through the Missouri Valley Football Conference; all other varsity sports compete at the Division I level through The Summit League. WIU is the cultural center of the region, with 12 major theatrical and dance productions and more than 12 studio shows presented annually in Western's three theatres. The Bureau of Cultural Affairs and the University Union Board present outstanding concerts, lectures, dramatic presentations, films, and dance attractions.

The University Libraries contain more than 1 million cataloged volumes, 20,000 current periodicals, and access to over 100 electronic databases of information. WIU's librarians answer approximately 10,000 research questions per year. The library system encompasses the main Malpass Library and four branch libraries. The Physical Sciences Library, the Music Library, the Curriculum Library, and the Quad Cities campus library are integral parts of the University's system that provides full service to students, faculty, and staff.

Western Illinois University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

**APPLICATION:** A complete application will include: a letter of application, curriculum vitae, copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts (unofficial copies will be acceptable at the application stage), recent teaching evaluations, and contact information for three current references. In your letter, please list your areas of interest for teaching and research. Apply to: Dr. Sunita George, Chair of Search Committee, Department of Geography, Western Illinois University; 1 University Circle; Macomb, IL 61455-1390.

Screening begins October 30, 2011 and will continue until the position is filled. Applicants also can email application materials in PDF format to: [geography@wiu.edu](mailto:geography@wiu.edu)

*Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer and has a strong institutional commitment to diversity. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of people, including minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. WIU has a non-discrimination policy that includes sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, or veteran status.*