Assistant Professor of Political Science – Public Policy

The Department of Political Science at Purdue University is seeking applications for a tenure-track assistant professor in Public Policy starting in August 2016. The area of specialization and preferred methodological or theoretical approaches are open. The successful candidate will pursue an active research agenda and teach introductory undergraduate classes in public policy, a required graduate level seminar on theories of the policy process, and courses in his or her area of expertise. Desired qualifications include: the ability to attract external funding; potential to contribute to interdisciplinary initiatives addressing pressing policy challenges; the potential for teaching excellence; and a commitment to diversity and inclusion in working with students and colleagues. A Ph.D. in Political Science or a related discipline is required.

Founded in 1869, Purdue is a research-intensive, PhD-granting institution and a public, land-grant university. The Political Science Department is home to the journal Politics, Groups, and Identities, and faculty members are actively involved with several interdisciplinary programs and centers, including the Building Sustainable Communities initiative, the Center for the Environment, the Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion, Peace Studies, Asian Studies, the Center for Families, and the Purdue Systems Collaboratory. Many faculty hold joint appointments or affiliations with other departments and programs, including Communication, African American Studies, Engineering, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. The graduate program collaborates with the Departments of Psychology and Economics and offers graduate certificates in Social Policy and Environmental Policy to students across campus. Additionally, the department is home to the director of the award-winning C-SPAN Archives, located at the Purdue Research Park.

Application materials should be submitted electronically as PDF attachments to Annie Wheeldon at acheever@purdue.edu. Applications should include curriculum vitae, graduate transcript, three letters of reference, a sample of written work, instructional materials such as syllabi, statement of teaching philosophy, and course evaluations, and a cover letter discussing the applicant’s qualifications for the position. Review of applications will begin October 15, 2015, and will continue until the position is filled. Questions should be addressed to search committee chair Professor Patricia Boling (boling@purdue.edu). A background check will be required for employment in this position.

Applicants should share Purdue University’s commitment to principles of diversity and inclusion and the department’s commitment to increasing the diversity of the campus community and the curriculum. Candidates who can contribute to these goals are encouraged to apply and identify their strengths and experiences in these areas. Applications from groups underrepresented in higher education are actively encouraged. Purdue University is an EEO/AA employer. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and protected veterans are encouraged to apply.