



West Virginia University School of Medicine  
**Chair, Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Cell Biology**

West Virginia University (WVU) School of Medicine, located in Morgantown, WV, seeks an innovative, dynamic, and collaborative leader and mentor to serve as Chair of the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Cell Biology (MICB; <https://medicine.wvu.edu/micro>).

MICB has a history of providing outstanding undergraduate, graduate and professional training and well-funded research programs. The Department administers a Ph.D. degree-granting program in *Immunology and Microbial Pathogenesis* and a B.S. program in *Immunology and Medical Microbiology*. MICB has 13 tenured/tenure-track, 5 teaching, and 3 research/service faculty members, 7 postdoctoral researchers, 10 staff, 35 graduate students and more than 70 undergraduate majors. MICB's research programs include vaccine development, neuroinflammation, microbial pathogenesis and immunity, and cell biology. Several faculty are cross-appointed in the WVU Cancer Institute, and together comprise a strong basic and translational oncology and cancer immunology research focus. Translational research is also supported by close ties with the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute, Vaccine Development center and the Center for Basic and Translational Stroke Research, as well as P20 Center of Biomedical Research Excellence grants in Tumor Microenvironment and Visual Sciences. Department faculty hold extramural research support from NIH, CDC, DoD, State agencies, regional and national foundations, and industry.

Duties of the Chair include providing strategic direction to all aspects of the Department. The new Chair will bring proven leadership skills to the position, a service orientation, the ability to nurture change in a collegial manner, to successfully leverage existing collaborative opportunities within the Health Sciences Center and across the University campus, and to communicate effectively with a wide range of individuals and constituencies in a diverse community.

Candidates must hold a Ph.D. or M.D. degree in the fields of Microbiology, Immunology, Cell Biology or a related STEM discipline and have ten or more years of experience in higher education. Demonstration of successful fiscal and personnel management is expected, as well as creative, innovative program development. Additional qualifications include: nationally recognized active research program, proven record of teaching and mentoring of students at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels, expertise with trainee and faculty recruiting and retention, and commitment to transparent leadership, cross-disciplinary team-building, and institutional growth. The successful applicant will possess academic credentials that merit appointment as a tenured Associate Professor or Professor.

As a land-grant institution, WVU's faculty, staff and students are committed to creating a diverse and inclusive culture that advances education, healthcare, and prosperity for all by providing access and opportunity; by advancing high-impact research; and by leading transformation in West Virginia and the world through local, state, and global engagement. WVU enrolls approximately 28,000

undergraduate and 5,500 graduate and professional students and is proud to hold R1 research classification, the highest research activity as described by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

The WVU Health Sciences Center includes the Schools of Pharmacy, Medicine, Dentistry, Public Health and Nursing on one campus, optimizing ease of interaction. Patient care facilities include a 700+ bed academic medical campus comprised of the J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital with a Level I Trauma Center, WVU Children's Hospital, WVU Cancer Institute, WVU Heart and Vascular Institute, the Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute and the 70-bed Chestnut Ridge Psychiatric Facility.

Morgantown has approximately 31,000 residents and is ranked among the most livable small cities in the country. The area offers the cultural diversity and amenities of a large city in a safe, family-friendly environment. Residents enjoy nationally ranked schools, excellent healthcare, low unemployment, low crime rates and world-class recreational opportunities. The community lies within a high technology corridor that includes several federal research facilities, such as the U.S. DOE's NETL, NASA's Independent Verification and Validation Facility (IV&V), NIOSH and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as private industry. Morgantown is within reasonable driving distances of Pittsburgh, Columbus, Cleveland, Washington, DC, and Baltimore. Additional details on the area and the University are available at <http://www.morgantownwv.gov/> and <http://www.wvu.edu>.

To apply for this position visit [www.jobs.wvu.edu](http://www.jobs.wvu.edu). Please submit a single document detailing your professional experience and research, teaching and mentoring philosophies, a curriculum vitae and the names and contact information of at least three professional references. Review of applications will commence immediately and continue until the position is filled. Interested candidates with questions related to the position may contact Dr. Albert Berrebi, Search Committee Chair, via email at [aberrebi@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:aberrebi@hsc.wvu.edu).

*West Virginia University is proud to be an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer and is the recipient of an NSF ADVANCE award for gender equity. The University values diversity among its faculty, staff, and students, and strongly encourages applications from all qualified applicants regardless of race, ethnicity, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, nationality, genetics, disability, or Veteran status.*

*Morgantown was recently recognized as one of 110 cities nationwide to achieve a perfect score on the Municipal Equality Index, which rates how inclusive municipal laws, policies and services are of LGBTQ people.*

*WVU provides faculty members with a supportive environment for developing a visible and productive career (<https://talentandculture.wvu.edu/new-employees>), and facilitating suitable work-life integration (<https://faculty.wvu.edu/policies-and-procedures/work-life-integration>). WVU also offers a Dual Career Program to assist partners of its faculty members in job search and the transition of their own careers.*