

Experimental Fluid Mechanics Assistant/Associate Professor Virginia Tech

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Job Title Experimental Fluid Mechanics Assistant/Associate

Professor

Department The Department of Mechanical Engineering

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Institution Virginia Tech

Blacksburg, Virginia

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Application Deadline Open until filled **Position Start Date** Aug. 10, 2026

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Job Description

The Department of Mechanical Engineering at Virginia Tech seeks applications for a tenure-track faculty position (assistant/associate) in the area of advanced experimental techniques in fluid mechanics, effective August 2026. We seek candidates with experience in a broad range of fundamental and applied studies. Areas of specific interest are, but not limited to, laser diagnostic techniques and other imaging techniques for measuring flow field details such as velocity, structure, species, and temperature. Candidates with expertise in creative measurement techniques for unique applications that may arise with collaborators across the department and college are encouraged to apply. The successful candidate will collaborate with our current theoretical and computational faculty



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across a broad range of research areas. We are interested in an experimentalist who can develop large datasets in support of emerging artificial intelligence and machine learning driven advances in fluid dynamics. We seek candidates motivated to contribute to a large collegial, interdisciplinary, and thriving Mechanical Engineering Department with a strong tradition of fundamental and applied research.

The Mechanical Engineering Department currently has 74 faculty members and is home to over 1,400 undergraduate and 300 graduate students. Virginia Tech is a public land-grant university, committed to teaching and learning, research, and outreach to the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation, and the world. Building on its motto of *Ut Prosim* (that I may serve), Virginia Tech is dedicated to serving in the spirit of community and excellence. Virginia Tech actively seeks candidates to join our community in preparing leaders for the world. In the U.S. News & World Report's 2025 Best Colleges report, the College of Engineering's undergraduate program ranks 13th and the graduate program ranks 31st among all U.S. engineering schools while the Mechanical Engineering Department's undergraduate program is ranked 13th and graduate program is ranked 22nd. The Mission of the College of Engineering is to educate and inspire our students to be critical thinkers, innovators and leaders.

The successful candidate will have a PhD in mechanical engineering or a closely related field, a strong record of academic accomplishments, a proven ability to work collaboratively, a commitment to interdisciplinary research and instruction, and a willingness to expand disciplinary boundaries to address complex technical and societal challenges.

Applicants must apply online at jobs.vt.edu (posting number 534165). Application materials include a cover letter, CV, up to three relevant research publications, and contact information for at least three professional references. Applicants must also provide a research statement and a statement of teaching philosophy. Each of the statements can be up to 3 pages in length. Review of applications will begin on November 3, 2025, and continue until the position is filled. Questions regarding the position should be directed to Dr. Jonathan Boreyko (boreyko@vt.edu, 540-231-0469) with cc: to Ms. Hana Dammak, Program Support Technician (hanad@vt.edu, 540-231-9918).

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Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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