



University of Lynchburg

Invites Applications and Nominations for the

**Assistant/Associate Professor
of Information Technology**



University of Lynchburg, formerly known as Lynchburg College, invites applications for an **Assistant or Associate Professor** position in its new **Information Technology** Program. The successful candidate will have a strong commitment to teaching a broad range of Information Technology courses, including those with a cybersecurity focus, at the undergraduate level.

The Opportunity

On July 1, 2018, Lynchburg College, a nationally recognized independent college in Virginia, took its final steps to become the University of Lynchburg. The Board of Trustees voted in February 2017 to rename the institution so that it would reflect accurately Lynchburg's dedication to high-quality academics on the undergraduate and graduate levels.

The thriving, private, residential coeducational institution is affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In the tradition of the denomination, the university is an

inclusive community that welcomes students, faculty, and staff of all faiths and backgrounds. This commitment to diversity is reflected throughout all levels of the university.

Located in the eastern foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains, approximately 135 miles west of Richmond, the state capitol, the university offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs. Academic programs are provided through the university's five colleges: Lynchburg College of Arts and Sciences; College of Business; College of Education, Leadership Studies, and Counseling; College of Health

Sciences; and Westover Honors College.

The Information Technology Program is one of 11 academic programs housed in the School of Sciences of the Lynchburg College of Arts and Sciences. The Bachelor of Science in Information Technology program is a new program, introduced fall 2019. The initial class has 12 students currently enrolled.

Designed to prepare students for the growing opportunities in IT and cybersecurity, the program is based on ACM and ABET guidelines for Information Technology with a strong cybersecurity focus. The Information Technology faculty position will report to Michael Coco, Ph.D., Associate Dean of Sciences, and William J. Lokar, Ph.D., Dean of the Lynchburg College of Arts and Sciences.

A full-time, tenure-track position, the Assistant/Associate Professor of Information Technology will teach a full load of Information Technology and/or Computer Science courses (three to four per semester), primarily for Information Technology majors.

Other responsibilities include:

- Advising Information Technology and Computer Science majors.
- Creating additional courses to support Information Technology.
- Supervising undergraduate research projects.
- Working with students in an advisory role.





- Maintaining and producing scholarship in support of Information Technology.
- Serving on committees as elected or appointed.

Qualifications

Candidates must have a Ph.D. in Information Technology or Computer Science and teaching or scholarly achievements in Information Technology with the ability to develop curricula and teach Information Technology. Teaching experience is preferred.

The strongest candidates will have skills in networks, system administration, system integration, HCI (Human Computer Interaction), web programming, and databases.

Skills and Abilities:

- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to effectively interact with students.
- Skilled at using computer and related software programs.

Selected candidate must pass a background check that is satisfactory to the university.

University of Lynchburg

University of Lynchburg was founded in 1903 in covenant with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The university is nationally recognized for its distinctive undergraduate and graduate programs that offer quality educational opportunities while

building the character and leadership ability of its students.

Lynchburg is one of only 40 educational institutions nationwide to be included in Loren Pope's *Colleges That Change Lives*. It also is one of 60 institutions nationwide selected to participate in the Bonner Leaders Program.

The university has a growing enrollment. The 3,100-member student body represents 38 states and 15 foreign countries. Of the 2,100 undergraduate students, 39 percent are male, 61 percent are female, 21 percent are multicultural, and 74 percent live on campus.

Lynchburg fosters a student-centered environment designed to prepare students for successful engagement in a global society and for effective leadership in the civic, professional, and spiritual dimensions of life. The 10:1 student-faculty ratio enables the 200 full-time faculty members to develop individual relationships with students, connecting beyond the coursework with mentoring and guidance.

Students are offered a wide range of rigorous educational experiences delivered through multiple modes of instruction. While maintaining its commitment to the liberal arts, the university also encourages

William J. Lokar, Ph.D.

Dean, Lynchburg College of Arts and Sciences



Dr. William J. Lokar was appointed Dean of the Lynchburg College of Arts and Sciences in June 2019. Previously, he served three years leading the School of Sciences within the college. Since joining Lynchburg's faculty in 2004, he has held leadership roles in his department, school, college, and institution. He is a past chair of the University of Lynchburg Faculty and a past Department Chair of Chemistry. He holds the rank of Associate Professor.

Dr. Lokar earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry *magna cum laude* from Allegheny College in 1999. He received his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2004. During his graduate career, he was awarded the Chemistry Department Advisory Council's Graduate Research Award in 2003 and was a Cunningham Fellow, 1999-2003.

Dr. Lokar is a past Chair of the Virginia Blue Ridge Section of the American Chemical Society.



professional preparation in the belief that the two areas of study support and complement one another.

The university offers 51 undergraduate majors, 62 minors, and 15 pre-professional programs. Graduate programs include the Doctor of Physical Therapy, Doctor of Education in Leadership Studies, Doctor of Medical Science, Master of Arts in Music, Master of Business Administration (management and cybersecurity), Master of Education in seven concentrations, Master of Criminal Justice, Master of Health Benefits Design, Master of Arts in Nonprofit Leadership Studies, Master of PA Medicine, Master of Public

Health, and Master of Science in Athletic Training.

University of Lynchburg provides more than \$43 million in grants and scholarships, and 100 percent of Lynchburg students receive some form of financial assistance. Seventy percent receive an academic award.

The university extends its reach beyond the campus through experiential learning, cultural opportunities, and service by sharing the expertise and commitment of faculty, staff, and students with the broader community.

In addition to the main campus, Lynchburg has the Claytor Nature Study

Michael Coco, Ph.D.

Associate Dean of Sciences, Lynchburg College of Arts and Sciences



Dr. Michael Coco was appointed Associate Dean of Sciences in June 2019. Previously, he served eight years as Chair of the Department of Mathematics. A member of Lynchburg's faculty since 2003, he holds the rank of Professor. He has been a nominee for the Shirley Rosser Excellence in Teaching Award at the university.

Dr. Coco received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics Education *magna cum laude* in 1997 from Mercyhurst College (now Mercyhurst University) in Pennsylvania. He earned his Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of South Carolina in 2003. His graduate research was on the structural and geometric properties of Banach spaces.

An avid cyclist and trained bike mechanic, Dr. Coco volunteers at the university's Bike Shack, where he helps repair and tune bicycles for students to borrow or adopt.

University of Lynchburg Mission Statement

University of Lynchburg, a private coeducational institution founded in 1903 in covenant with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), offers distinctive undergraduate and graduate programs that reflect its commitment to teaching and learning, scholarship, and service to the broader community.

The mission of University of Lynchburg is to develop students with strong character and balanced perspectives and to prepare them for engagement in a global society and for effective leadership in the civic, professional, and spiritual dimensions of life.

University of Lynchburg provides its students with a wide range of rigorous educational experiences delivered through multiple modes of instruction. Undergraduate programs are grounded in the liberal arts, enhanced by professional studies, and nurtured by a residential community. Further, the University's quality graduate programs respond to identified community needs, advance scholarship in the discipline, and promote student career goals. University of Lynchburg extends its reach beyond the campus through experiential learning, cultural opportunities, and service by sharing the expertise and commitment of faculty, staff, and students with the broader community.

In support of its mission, University of Lynchburg is an academic community that:

- fosters a student-centered environment;
- develops the breadth of knowledge associated with liberal education;
- develops depth of knowledge and promotes focused inquiry in academic disciplines;
- respects and supports diversity;
- values and celebrates diverse faith traditions; and
- sustains close working relationships among faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community partners.

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Center in Bedford County. This 470-acre outdoor classroom and laboratory is dedicated to the study and appreciation of the natural environment.

Lynchburg is a member of the NCAA Division III and the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. Fielding teams for 21 intercollegiate sports, the university has won 177 ODAC titles and produced 242 All-Americans. In 2014, the women's soccer team won the NCAA Division III Championship.

Lynchburg, Virginia

The university's 250-acre campus is located in Lynchburg, Va. The city has a population of more than 75,000, with the metropolitan area, the fifth largest MSA in Virginia, tallying more than 250,000 residents.

Situated on the banks of the James River, Lynchburg has a vibrant central city that fosters a strong sense of community and offers outstanding cultural venues, performing arts, and recreational opportunities. Locally owned stores, casual and fine dining restaurants, art galleries, theatre, and special events mean something is always happening downtown. The area has numerous historical sites to visit and explore. Lynchburg operates one of the top school systems in the state.



Outdoor recreational opportunities include hiking, camping, biking, fishing, boating, rowing, rock climbing, and more. Eight miles of hiking and biking trails, including portions through downtown, run through the city's

Blackwater Creek Natural Area.

Nearby cities include Roanoke, Va., at 50 miles; Charlottesville, Va., at 70 miles; Greensboro, N.C., at 115 miles; and Washington, D.C., at 180 miles.

Applications & Nominations

Confidential inquiries are welcomed, and nominations are invited.

- 1. Applications** must include:
 - a) Letter of interest
 - b) Current curriculum vitae
 - c) Statement of teaching philosophy
 - d) Unofficial graduate transcripts
 - e) Five professional references with full contact and e-mail information (References will not be contacted without applicant's consent.)
- 2. Submit application materials** to Lynchburg-IT@myersmcrae.com (preferably as PDFs). Review of materials will continue until the position is filled.
- 3. Submit nominations** to Lynchburg-IT-nomination@myersmcrae.com with complete contact and e-mail information for the individual being nominated.

Jennifer Barfield, Senior Vice President of **Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting**, is assisting the University of Lynchburg with this search.



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