Chambers SCM Research Fellowship

Call for Applications

Description

The Supply Chain Management (SCM) group at the John Chambers College of Business and Economics (JCCBE) at West Virginia University (WVU) is seeking to strengthen the research collaboration with our Indian partner institutions. To this end, we are pleased to invite faculty from our partner institutions to apply for three competitive research fellowships lasting one semester to engage in joint research with our faculty.

The primary purpose is to engage in collaborative research that will result in research publications in high-impact outlets included on the Financial Time 50 (FT50) journal list, UT Dallas (UTD) journal list and the SCM8 (www.scmlist.com) list. You will also have the option of teaching at Reynolds Hall, the new home of the JCCBE, located on the east bank of the Monongahela River in picturesque Morgantown. To learn more about WVU, JCCBE, the SCM program, and Morgantown, see the *About* section at the end of this call for applications

Successfully selected Chambers SCM Research Fellows will receive a $10,000 award. Additionally, applicants may apply to teach one of the SCM undergraduate courses for an additional compensation of $7,500. Successful Fellows have the option of selecting either Fall 2025 or Spring 2026 as their semester of choice to complete their Fellowship. Chambers Fellows will be offered semester-long leases at either the College Park (https://collegepark.wvu.edu/) or University Place (https://uplace.wvu.edu/) campus apartments.

Application

Applicants who meet the qualifying criteria specified here are invited to submit their application packet with the documents listed in this call.

Qualification Criteria

Applicants who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply:

1. Holds a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree.
2. Must hold a full-time tenure track or equivalent faculty appointment at the time of application.
3. Is at the rank of Assistant Professor or equivalent and higher.
4. Employed by an AACSB-accredited business school with whom WVU has a memorandum of understanding for faculty and student exchange.
5. Primary academic appointment is in the area of SCM or equivalent field such as operations management, decision sciences, management science, logistics, operations research, etc.

Application Process

As part of the application process, prospective Chambers Fellows applicants must submit the following materials:

1. A letter of intent indicating: i) motivation for applying, ii) the applicant's area of research, iii) the focus of research for the period of the fellowship, iv) the WVU SCM faculty the applicant intends to work with during the period of the fellowship, v) the applicant's qualifications that make them a good fit for a successful fellowship, vi) whether the applicant intends to teach, and if so, what classes.[1]
2. A 1,000 word research synopsis of a proposed project being undertaken under the research focus for the period of the fellowship. In order to convey the likelihood of the successful outcome of the research collaboration, the research synopsis can include any subset of the following areas: i) problem description, ii) motivation, iii) objective, iv) hypotheses, v) research design including data collection and methodology, vi) potential contributions to theory and practice, and vii) potential challenges to completing the research.
3. An updated curriculum vitae (CV). The applicant's CV may include, but not be limited to, the following items, preferably in reverse chronological order: i) educational qualifications, ii) professional positions, iii) peer-reviewed journal publications, iv)

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[1] SCM courses can be found at this link
http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/collegeofbusinessandeconomics/globalsupplychainmanagement/#majortext under the heading Supply Chain Management Major Requirements.

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conference proceedings and presentations, v) research in progress, vi) grant funding, vii) graduate student supervision, viii) awards, and xi) summary of teaching activity.

4. No more than three examples of the applicant's research, which can include white papers, works in progress, and manuscripts submitted for review.
5. A letter of support from the applicant's supervisor i.e. Program or Department Chair/Director, College Dean, or School Director.

Applicants are encouraged to peruse the WVU SCM faculty profiles available here https://business.wvu.edu/faculty-and-staff/directory?dname=Supply%20Chain%20Management. Furthermore, the SCM faculty welcomes questions and discussions with potential applicants regarding their research ideas. We believe this process is valuable to strengthening both the applications and the concomitant collaboration between our institutions.

All applications must be sent via electronic mail to Dr. John P. Saldanha at john.saldanha@mail.wvu.edu by December 1, 2024, 11:59 pm EST. Incomplete or late applications will be automatically disqualified from further consideration. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of the WVU SCM faculty and an additional screening interview may be conducted by the review committee with potential candidates.

Criteria for Success

The high probability of a successful research collaboration as measured by submissions and acceptances to high-impact journal outlets (FT50, UTD, SCM8) will be the primary criterion to be used to evaluate successful applications. Here are some principles the evaluation committee will use to guide their decision:

1. The clarity, succinctness, thoroughness and validity of the research synopsis in articulating the proposed research project.
2. The fit of the research synopsis and proposed research project with the research program of one or more WVU SCM faculty.
3. An applicant's current (pipeline of research) and past research record.
4. An applicant's proficiency in the proposed research domain and design and/or to complement those of the WVU faculty to engender a successful collaboration.

Successful Applicants

Successful candidates will be notified by January 6, 2025. Thereafter, successful candidates will be guided by the Chambers College Business Office (visa sponsor) and the WVU Office of International Students and Scholars Services (https://isss.wvu.edu/) in the visa process. This will include but not be limited to applying for the J-1 Research Scholar Exchange Visitor Visa, acquiring health and accident insurance for the Chambers Fellow and any accompanying dependents while in the United States, and completing the mandatory J-1 orientation. Chambers Fellows will also have to validate their arrival through the Federal Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). All Chambers Fellows' activities while in the United States will be conducted in strict compliance with the activities identified and authorized in the SEVIS. Further information on SEVIS is available here https://www.ice.gov/sevis.

About WVU

WVU is a Public, land-grant institution, founded in 1867, and is currently an R1 Doctoral University (highest research category institution). The WVU System is a family of distinctive campuses united by a single mission. From the groundbreaking research of our flagship campus in Morgantown (https://youtu.be/zaZP6liBzsU?si=i2DOiuCXi5AhvL1d) to the student-centered focus of WVU Potomac State College in Keyser, WV to the technology-intensive programs at WVU Institute of Technology in Beckley. The WVU System also includes Health Sciences campuses in Charleston and Martinsburg, as well as seven farms and five forests throughout the state and WVU Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp. The Morgantown campus has 245 buildings (11 on the National Register of Historic Places) on 1,892 acres. In fiscal year 2024, WVU received a record $275 million in external research funding. WVU is one of only 75 schools recognized by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for Community Engagement (recognized since 2010). WVU's 13 Morgantown colleges and schools offer 310 majors in agriculture, natural resources, and design; applied and human sciences; arts and sciences; business and economics; creative arts; dentistry; engineering and mineral resources; law; medicine; nursing; pharmacy; public health. Besides, hundreds of distance education and online classes are available.

WVU is proudest of our excellent faculty, 19 of whom have been named Carnegie Foundation Professors of the Year. Of the full-time instructional/tenure-track faculty, 66% hold the highest academic degree in their field, 70% of WVU Morgantown classes are taught by full-time

instructional faculty. Of the instructional faculty, 2,478 are full-time and 591 are part-time. WVU has 114 full-time extension faculty who provide trusted, science-based, and practical educational programs that improve West Virginians' health, education, and prosperity. These programs help people, businesses, and communities solve problems, develop skills, and build a better future (extension.wvu.edu/about).

The Fall 2023 WVU student enrollment for the Morgantown campus was 24,200 students. Students at the Morgantown campus come from 90 nations, 50 U.S. states (plus D.C.), and all 55 West Virginia counties; 10,949 are West Virginia residents. Students can choose from 450+ student organizations or participate in active intramural programs or a variety of club sports. WVU recipients of prestigious scholarships include 2 Beckman Scholars, 25 Rhodes Scholars, 26 Truman Scholars, 47 Goldwater Scholars, 4 George C. Marshall (British) Scholars, 6 Morris K. Udall Scholars, 5 USA Today All-USA College Academic First Team Members (and 11 academic team honorees), 29 Boren Scholars, 106 Gilman Scholars, 81 Fulbright Scholars, 3 Department of Homeland Security Scholars, 39 Critical Language Scholars, one Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholar, 34 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships and one Schwarzman Scholar.

About JCCBE

With over 3,000 enrolled students and over 200 faculty, JCCBE is the second-largest college at WVU (https://business.wvu.edu/) and is housed at the iconic riverfront building Reynolds Hall (https://business.wvu.edu/about/reynolds-hall). JCCBE is AACSB-accredited, offering 11 undergraduate majors, 13 minors, ten master's, and two doctoral programs. The college is home to eight labs and ten research centers that engage in cutting-edge research, fulfilling WVU's land-grant mission. Founded in 2019, Vantage Ventures (VV) is an initiative of JCCBE to launch high-impact, scalable businesses in the state of West Virginia.

About the SCM Program

Started in 2014 with an area of emphasis, the B.S.B.A. in SCM major was launched in 2016, and the newest offering is a B.S. in Supply Chain Management Science was launched in 2024. Today, with 150+ enrolled students enrolled in either the B.S.B.A in SCM major or the newer B.S. in Supply Chain Management Science (STEM) degree, one of only a handful in the United States, the SCM program is one of the fastest growing programs in the college. We are most

proud of the award-winning research and excellent teaching reputation of our six full-time faculty (five tenure track) who consistently publish in the highest impact outlets included on the FT50, UTD, and SCM8 journal lists. Our faculty prides itself on bringing its innovative and impactful newly-created knowledge into the classroom to enhance students' learning. Besides the rigorous STEM curriculum, our students are exposed to experiential learning opportunities throughout the program, culminating in a capstone project class, where students directly interact with business organizations to tackle a variety of live, real-world high-impact SCM problems. Hence, it is no surprise that our students regularly compete and win against the top SCM programs in the country beating Penn State, Carnegie Mellon, and University of Pittsburgh, to take first place at the University of Pittsburgh, Katz Business School's Race to the Case competition for four years in a row. SCM students have an average placement rate of nearly 90% at graduation with an average starting salary of nearly $60,000. Many of our alumni go on to graduate studies at top STEM programs including Purdue, Georgia Tech, Penn State, Georgetown and Darden-UVA.

About Morgantown

The WVU Morgantown campus is in a town named "No. 1 Small City in America" by BizJournals.com for its exceptional quality of life (https://www.visitmountaineercountry.com/). Morgantown, population 30,855, was also rated the ninth-best college town in America by Business Insider and is within easy traveling distance of Washington, D.C., to the east, Pittsburgh, Pa., to the north, and Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, to the northwest. Other rankings: Kiplinger.com included Morgantown in their 10 great places to live list; one of "Best Sports Cities" by Sporting News; 5th "Best Small Metro" by Forbes; one of "50 Smartest Places to Live" by Kiplinger's; and the "#1 Place to Live in West Virginia" by Money magazine.

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