University Minnesota, Morris
Tenure-Track Position in Economics

**Summary:** The University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM) announces an opening for a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Economics, beginning fall 2016.

We welcome applications from candidates pursuing policy-relevant applied questions in Labor, Health, Industrial Organization, Rural Development, Regional, Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics, or related fields. We are particularly interested in a candidate whose research agenda is comprehensible and compelling to undergraduate students and to colleagues in a small, engaged, and productive department.

The successful candidate will regularly teach undergraduate Econometrics, a section of Principles, and appropriate electives (heterodox perspectives, if combined with competence in more orthodox approaches, are welcome). Preferred: interest in and ability to contribute to a Management major that focuses on areas of overlap with social and behavioral science (Economics and Psychology), along with other core areas of the liberal arts.

The annual teaching load is 5 semester-long courses (20 credit hours). Salary is competitive with mid-tier liberal arts colleges; both research support (including eligibility for internal grants through the University of Minnesota) and fringe benefits are strongly competitive.

Success in both teaching and research are required for promotion and tenure; qualified candidates with an interest in a balanced teaching and research career at an undergraduate liberal arts college are strongly encouraged to apply. Position open until filled; application review will begin on Dec. 1st. Candidates will be contacted for informal interviews at the ASSA meetings in San Francisco.

**The Campus:** The University of Minnesota, Morris is a residential four-year undergraduate public liberal arts college serving 1,800 students. It is one of only seven public liberal arts colleges ranked in Carnegie’s “national” category, and combines the liberal arts educational mission with moderate tuition costs that make it accessible to broader segments of the public than most private institutions. Our campus has been one of the Forbes Magazine “Best Buy” colleges in several recent years, and on the US News top ten list in the national public liberal arts college category for 17 years. UMM is also a national leader in green technology, and is frequently “grid-negative” due to two commercial-grade wind turbines and the nation’s first operational corn-stover-based biomass gasification plant.

**The Students:** Admissions are selective (average ACT score of 25), and the dominant student culture is hardworking and serious. The majority of the student body is from the rural and small town mainstream of the Midwest; however, the Morris student body is also one of the most ethnically diverse in the University of Minnesota system, with 26% students of color (17% are American Indian students) and a growing international student population.

**Location:** One of five campuses of the University of Minnesota, UMM is located 160 miles west of Minneapolis in the rural community of Morris, MN (population 5,000).

**Advantages:** Small college life-style coupled with access to the University of Minnesota’s research support, libraries and information technology, and strong students. Salaries are competitive with mid-tier liberal arts colleges, and fringe benefits are competitive with top tier research universities.

**Colleagues:** The economics and management program is an integrated department with a collegial faculty of seven persons working together to fashion an outstanding student experience centered on undergraduate learning and research. Our faculty includes both heterodox and mainstream economists.

**Teaching:** UMM places a strong emphasis on excellence in undergraduate teaching, and therefore we are seeking a person who has a genuine commitment in this regard. The standard annual teaching load is five semester courses of four credits each. Classroom and program innovation are encouraged, and excellent opportunities exist for institutional funding of educational innovations.
Research: The pursuit of an active research or creative program is expected of all faculty members at UMM, and in economics the expectation is that faculty will publish in refereed journals. We are particularly interested in faculty who may involve undergraduates in their professional endeavors. Internal funds are routinely available for student research, and Morris faculty have access to the full range of University of Minnesota faculty research funds on a competitive basis, as well as some specific funds reserved for faculty on our campus.

Affirmative Action: The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

Required Qualifications:

i) ABD, with a plan for degree completion, in Economics or a related field (for appointment at Instructor rank);

ii) evidence of successful undergraduate college teaching experience;

iii) evidence of a promising research program;

iv) willingness and ability to teach undergraduate Econometrics;

Preferred Qualifications:

i) Ph.D. (or an equivalent terminal degree) in Economics or a related field in hand at the position start date (for appointment at Assistant Professor rank);

ii) interest in and ability to contribute to the Management curriculum;

iii) familiarity with undergraduate liberal arts institutions;

iv) interest in and ability to supervise undergraduate research and internships; and

v) evidence that the candidate’s professional research program is viable at a liberal arts undergraduate institution.

How to Apply:

I.) Please apply electronically through the University of Minnesota Online Employment System at: http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/employment/ (attaching only your CV). Choose Job ID #305478, click the Apply button and follow the instructions. If you have difficulty negotiating the electronic process, please contact Sharon Severance, 320.589.6201 or severask@morris.umn.edu.

II.) Then, e-mail the following items to Sharon Severance <severask@morris.umn.edu>:

a. A letter of application
b. Curriculum Vitae (also may be attached online),
c. Three letters of reference,
d. Graduate school transcripts (unofficial copies are sufficient for initial screening),
e. Teaching statement
f. Evidence of undergraduate college teaching success (such as supervisor or student evaluations), and
g. Research statement
h. Sample of research output.

Direct questions to: Dr. Stephen V. Burks, Chair, Economics Search Committee at svburks@morris.umn.edu; or by telephone at: 320-589-6191.

Any offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment background check. Our presumption is that prospective employees are eligible to work here. Criminal convictions do not automatically disqualify finalists from employment.

We would greatly appreciate your bringing this opportunity to the attention of potentially interested applicants.