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The successful applicant will be an advocate for the research and teaching missions of the department, will work to grow collaborations with groups across the university and nationally/internationally, and will focus on achieving strategic goals within the department and university. Potential candidates must have a Ph.D. in Geosciences or closely related fields, demonstrated administrative and programmatic leadership experience, a broad understanding of geosciences, and exceptional professional achievements as evidenced by outstanding research. The appointment will be at the level of tenured Full Professor.

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Inquiries regarding the position should be directed to Professor Shuhai Xiao, Search Chair (xiao@vt.edu): Department of Geosciences, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061, USA; (540) 231-6521. Further information about the Department is available at www.geos.vt.edu.

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