

Dr. Joseph Horzempa, WV-INBRE–supported researcher, selected Professor of the Year for West Virginia

Dr. Joseph A. Horzempa, Associate Professor of Biology at West Liberty University, has been selected as the 2017 Professor of the Year for West Virginia. Dr. Horzempa has received funding from WV-INBRE from the beginning of his tenure at West Liberty University to support his research.

Dr. Horzempa studies the mechanism of erythrocyte invasion by *Francisella tularensis*. He investigates how and why *F. tularensis* invades red blood cells, antibiotic resistance, and vaccine development. Dr. Horzempa's research has been published in prestigious journals including the Journal of Infectious Diseases, the American Journal of Virology, the American Medical Journal, and Immunology among others.

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West Virginia's Professor of the Year Dr. Joseph Horzempa is shown in his lab.