

Position Announcement

Dean of the College of Education and Health Professions

The University of Arkansas invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean of the College of Education and Health Professions (COEHP). The Dean of COEHP is the chief academic and administrative officer of the College and reports directly to the Provost/Executive Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The College consists of the departments of Curriculum and Instruction; Education Reform; Health, Human Performance, and Recreation; Rehabilitation, Human Resources, and Communication Disorders; Occupational Therapy; the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing; plus the Honors Program, University Recreation, and several academic and research centers. The College provides an extensive array of undergraduate and graduate degree programs. With approximately 155 full-time faculty and 302 full-time staff, it enrolls over 4,040 undergraduates and 1,320 graduate students. The COEHP has endowments and private, foundation funding of more than \$56 million. In FY 2018, the College conducted \$25.5 million in sponsored projects. For more information about the College, please visit <http://coehp.uark.edu>. Information about the University of Arkansas can be found at <http://www.uark.edu>. Please also visit <http://education-health-dean.uark.edu> for an overview of the College, University, and Northwest Arkansas region.

This position presents an outstanding opportunity for an individual who can integrate forward-looking leadership with strong skills in implementation to guide a college tasked with educating the professionals of tomorrow in areas of critical societal need. The Dean will have the opportunity to develop and implement a strategic plan to fulfill the college's role as the major academic resource for the State in K-12 education, and its role in the national discussion of education policy and practices; further develop the college's potential to meet the growing demands for health professionals in Arkansas; and grow the faculty's contributions to the research and scholarship missions across the wide array of disciplines in the college. The Dean of the College is also holder of the Henry G. Hotz Endowed Dean's Chair.

Responsibilities: The Dean will lead faculty and staff to develop and achieve a strategic vision of the College aligned with the University's guiding priorities (<https://www.uark.edu/strategic-plan/>), including: balancing synergies among diverse fields within the College; fostering excellence in teaching, research, and scholarship; promoting collaboration with other colleges and schools on campus in support of cross-disciplinary and campus-wide initiatives; initiating outreach efforts to heighten the visibility and distinctiveness of the College in the state and nationally; placing "students first" through a strong commitment to recruitment, development, retention, graduation; and advancing inclusion and diversity in all aspects of the College's operation, including teaching, research, and service. The Dean will also be the chief fundraiser for the College working closely with alumni, foundations, the education and health professional communities, and other interested potential donors to build support for the implementation of the strategic vision of the college.

Required: Candidates must present evidence of: an earned doctorate from an accredited institution; experience and achievement commensurate with tenure at the rank of Professor at the University of Arkansas; progressive leadership and administrative experience at an institution of higher learning or, if such leadership or administrative experience is outside of an institution of higher learning, then within the fields of education or healthcare; a substantial record of scholarship within the education

or allied health fields; and a strong commitment to inclusion and diversity within a university or healthcare setting. Also required is substantial fiscal and fundraising expertise to help increase the endowment for supporting programs, scholarships, graduate students, and distinguished chairs. The ability to develop and foster good relations with state agencies and donors is crucial.

Preferred: Demonstrated leadership in managing a complex and interdisciplinary academic or allied health enterprise that emphasizes collaboration among colleges or units; experience with national accreditation agencies/bodies; evidence of being a successful practitioner or of having significant creative accomplishments; experience with developing, coordinating, and delivering distance education degree programs.

Appointment and Salary: This is a 12-month position at the rank of Professor. The salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience and background. For information regarding benefits offered, visit <http://hr.uark.edu/benefits>. This position is posted at <http://jobs.uark.edu/postings/29878>.

This position is subject to a pre-employment criminal and financial history background check, sex offender registry check, and drug screening. A criminal conviction or arrest pending adjudication alone shall not disqualify an applicant in the absence of a relationship to the requirements of the position. All background check and drug screening information will be used in a confidential, non-discriminatory manner consistent with state and federal law.

The University of Arkansas is committed to achieving diversity in its academic leadership as well as its faculty, staff, and student body. Therefore, the University is especially interested in nominations and applications from persons from traditionally underrepresented groups and all persons dedicated to continuing building the culture of inclusive excellence within the College of Education and Health Professions.

The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, is the flagship, land-grant, doctoral research institution of the University of Arkansas System and is the largest research university in the State. It holds the Carnegie classification of “Doctoral Universities: Highest Research Activity.” More than 27,500 students attend the university and the campus’s research expenditures exceed \$175 million. The University is in the intellectually, economically and culturally vibrant, diverse and inclusive region of Northwest Arkansas. The region, one of the fastest-growing in the country, is home to several major Fortune 500 companies and one of the nation’s most outstanding museums of American Art (Crystal Bridges), a burgeoning restaurant scene, affordable housing, high-performing K-12 schools, and easy access to a wide range of outdoor activities associated with the astonishing natural beauty of the Ozark Mountains. Local hospital systems have responded to the region’s population growth with recent investment of over \$500 million in expansion. Healthcare is the fastest-growing industry in Northwest Arkansas, with an expected 24.2% growth rate expected by 2022.

Review of applications will begin immediately, and will continue until October 24, 2018. Nominations and letters of application, including curriculum vitae and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three professional references, should be addressed to Vice Provost Don Judges, Chair of the Dean of Education and Health Professions Search Committee, and submitted electronically to <http://jobs.uark.edu/postings/29878>. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Vice Provost Judges at 479-575-7571 or at djudges@uark.edu.

The University of Arkansas is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. The university welcomes applications without regard to race/color, sex, gender, pregnancy, age, national origin, disability, religion, marital or parental status, protected veteran or military status, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender identity or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law. Persons must have proof of legal authority to work in the United States on the first day of employment. All applicant information is subject to public disclosure under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.