Associate Dean for Research
College of Health Professions and Social Work

Temple University’s College of Health Professions and Social Work seeks a seasoned and creative leader for the position of Associate Dean for Research. A comprehensive research university located in the urban setting of Philadelphia, Temple is the 31st largest university and the 6th largest provider of professional education in the nation. The College of Health Professions and Social Work is one of 17 schools/colleges within the University and is located on Temple’s Main Campus and the Health Science Campus, minutes from the historically rich and culturally vibrant center of Philadelphia.

The College of Health Professions and Social Work is a leader in the discovery, dissemination and integration of health related research and practice. Enrolling 4,500 students and supported by more than 160 faculty, the College comprises the 7 academic departments of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Health Information Management, Kinesiology, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Public Health, Rehabilitation Sciences, and the School of Social Work.

The College has seen remarkable growth and organizational change in the shape and configuration of programs, research profile, increase in rankings, and collaboration with other academic units. In FY 2014, the College ranked 2nd of the 17 colleges/schools at Temple in research expenditures totaling more than $15 million with more than $22 million in annual awards to 44 principal investigators. The College’s innovative research focuses on medical interventions, social, behavioral, and environmental inquiries, and basic science and is sponsored by NIH, NSF, the US Department of Education, the Administration for Children and Families, HRSA, the Department of Defense, and the VA as well as by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, City of Philadelphia, and private foundations. College research centers include the Center for Asian Health and the Center for Obesity Research and Education with excellent opportunities for partnerships with Fox Chase Comprehensive Cancer Center, which is part of the Temple University Health System. In addition to collaborations with researchers in Temple’s other colleges, there are many established interdisciplinary collaborations within this major metropolitan health center with community based organizations and health settings.

The College has experienced significant academic expansion through the addition of distinguished researchers and educators, increased research and scholarly endeavors. In 2014, Dean Laura A. Siminoff, an eminent public health social scientist who has been continuously funded by NIH for 25 years, joined the College. Under her leadership, CHPSW is engaging in a realignment of research and academic programming within Public Health that includes hiring up to 30 additional research-focused tenure track faculty across its academic disciplines.
The Associate Dean for Research will oversee and develop all aspects of the College’s research mission, including refining research policies and infrastructure as well as promoting research excellence among faculty and students. The Associate Dean will establish a mentorship program and work with department chairs to engage, encourage and support faculty in interdisciplinary research programs between the College’s academic homes. In addition to reviewing grant applications prior to submission, the Associate Dean will develop a peer-review pre-submission process. The Associate Dean will maintain an active research program and have the ability to guide research in an interdisciplinary atmosphere with dry and wet lab scientists, clinical investigators, and social, behavioral, environmental and community-based researchers.

CHPSW welcomes applications from innovative, strategic research leaders with a breadth of knowledge and experience related to public health across the spectrum of health professions. Qualified applicants will demonstrate a broad understanding of health and social services, public health, and the impact of health disparities. The successful candidate will be intimately knowledgeable of the NIH and foundation funding environment and have a significant record in funded public health, social science, biomedical or other health-related research along with proven experience and passion for developing and mentoring junior investigators and developing comprehensive research agendas. A doctorate is required with a record of scholarly contribution that merits appointment as a tenured associate or full professor. Although applicants with experience as successful leaders within health or social services or government or policy settings will be considered, academic experience is preferred.

Screening will begin immediately and continue until an appointment is made. All communications will be treated confidentially. Nominations, inquiries, and applications (including cover letter, curriculum vitae, and names of 5 references) should be directed electronically in confidence to:

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