Department Chair

Temple University invites applications for the position of Department Chair for the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD). Ranked 29th in the country by US News & World Report, we seek a creative and visionary leader to develop and implement a strategic plan for the department that will continue its growth as one of the leading departments in communication sciences in the country.

The candidate should have a strong record of scholarship and external research funding, as well as administrative experience that includes personnel management, budgeting, and program advocacy. We are looking for an individual with strong interpersonal communication skills and a commitment to the development of innovative research and the integration of academic and clinical research and. Successful applicants will hold a PhD in Speech-Language Pathology or a related discipline. ASHA certification (CCC) and eligibility for Pennsylvania state clinical licensure are preferred, but not essential. Applicants whose research complements our existing strengths, and those in the area of child language development are desirable.

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders has over 350 students enrolled in our BA, MA and PhD degree programs. The master’s program is fully accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Our research and clinical strengths include adult language disorders, literacy, motor speech disorders, auditory processing disorders, bilingualism and multiculturalism. Current research funding from NIH is over $5 million annually. The department boasts a highly interdisciplinary faculty, representing Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, Linguistics, Psychology, and Cognitive Neuroscience. In addition, it has strong collaborative ties with Psychology, Rehabilitation Sciences, Computer Science, Physical Therapy, Radiology, and Neurology. The Department also houses the Eleanor M. Saffran Center for Cognitive Neuroscience conducting interdisciplinary research of the relationship between language and other cognitive processes, such as attention and memory, and developing effective treatment programs for the rehabilitation of language disorders. As part of its rigorous academic and interdisciplinary research programs, the Department operates the Temple University Speech-Language-Hearing Center where a wide range of services is provided to people of all ages with disorders of communication.

The new chair of CSD will join 8 other department chairs serving the College of Public Health, a constellation of 9 academic units of public health and health profession disciplines, which enrolls more than 4,600 students. The College has seen remarkable growth and organizational expansion in the shape and configuration of programs, research profile, increase in rankings, and collaboration with other academic units. In 2014, the College ranked 2nd of the 17 colleges/schools at Temple in research expenditures. The College’s innovative research focuses on medical interventions, social, behavioral, and environmental inquiries, and basic science and is sponsored by NIH, NSF, and other major federal funders as well as foundations. Under the leadership of Dean Laura Siminoff, a social scientist continuously funded by NIH for 25 years, CPH is hiring up to 50 research focused tenure track faculty to join the 155 faculty across it academic disciplines.

Temple University is an urban, research-intensive university located in Philadelphia. Temple is the 6th-largest provider of professional education in the country and includes Schools of Law, Medicine,
Pharmacy, Podiatry, and Dentistry in addition to research centers including the NCI-designated Fox Chase Cancer Center. Temple is located in historic and culturally rich Philadelphia, the nation’s fifth largest city. The city was ranked 3rd by the NYT as a world tourist destination.

Temple University offers competitive salaries and generous start-up packages. Candidates may also wish to join Temple with established research teams, including tenure track junior and nontenure track research faculty.

Dr. Nadine Martin, search committee chair, welcomes confidential inquiries and nominations at nmartin@temple.edu.

Applicants should send a CV, letter of interest describing their management style, a 1-page research statement and 3 representative publications to: cphsearch@temple.edu. Application review will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

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