Laura H. Carnell Professor of Social Work

The Temple University School of Social Work invites nominations and applications for the Laura H. Carnell Professor of Social Work, a university endowed professorship reflecting distinction in research for tenured full professors. We seek individuals committed to collaborative, interprofessional research in social work, public health and other aligned disciplines who address disparities in social determinants of health, improve university engagement with communities, contribute to the evidence base in social work, and advance social justice.

Qualifications. Candidates should have an active, externally funded research portfolio and a doctorate in social work, social welfare, public health or a relevant social science discipline. Individuals should demonstrate interest in working across disciplines to understand and intervene in factors that shape the health of individuals, families and communities with a particular interest in health disparity populations. We seek candidates who have funded research in areas consistent with the values and interests of social work and who have interest in advancing interprofessional practice and investigation. We value diversity and seek individuals committed to inclusive practices in education.

Compensation, benefits and start-up are competitive. The Carnell Professorship includes an annual stipend. We welcome cluster hires of senior and early career researchers along with research staff.

The School of Social Work. Dr. Philip McCallion, an international expert in aging, dementia and intellectual disabilities, joined Temple in 2017. Under his direction, SSW’s 22 faculty serve 800 students in CSWE-accredited BSW and MSW programs. The BSW program focuses on generalist practice and the MSW program requires advanced-year students to concentrate in a practice method and specialize in a field of practice. These programs are fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education through 2023. SSW plans to launch a doctoral program.

There is strong commitment to supporting students already in the workforce, building interdisciplinary education and expanding educational opportunities. The School is in its 3rd year of delivering a fully online MSW program and is proposing an online BSW program for persons with Associate Degrees. Through a partnership with other disciplines within the College, MSW students can earn a concurrent MPH or JD. A strong Department of Field Education assists about 400 students annually with field placements. SSW contributes significantly to the College’s Office of Clinical Practice and Field Education, which makes 3,500 placements annually and maintains relationships with 3,000 community agencies. In the past year, SSW faculty contributed to about
40 continuing education opportunities for 400 participants supporting the School's growth in answering career development needs for social workers.

The School of Social Work's impressive research portfolio includes research on fatherhood, aging, HIV/AIDS, mental health, substance abuse, health services, LGBTQ social and health issues, acculturation, interpersonal violence, and poverty. Opportunities exist to contribute to writing grants to support student training and education. Temple SSW has been fortunate to receive grants from the Human Resources and Services Administration for advanced clinical education and scholarships for disadvantaged students.

The College. Temple University's College of Public Health strives to solve health's complexities for a better tomorrow. Our faculty prepare researchers, practitioners and educators to collaborate across disciplines to understand community needs, create evidence-based solutions, and deliver effective, compassionate care. A CEPH-accredited school of public health, the College is a constellation of academic units of public health, social work and health profession disciplines, enrolling 4,300 students. The College's research focuses on social, behavioral, and environmental inquiries, medical/health interventions, and basic science and is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, and other major funders. The College has recently launched a new Center focused on Community Engaged Research and Practice. We are harnessing the collective energies of our clinical disciplines through an emerging, innovative framework for interprofessional education.

The University. Temple is an urban, research-intensive Carnegie R1 university located in historic and culturally rich Philadelphia, the nation’s 6th largest city. The city was ranked 3rd by the New York Times as a world tourist destination. The National Science Foundation ranks Temple among the top 100 universities in the country for research expenditures. Temple is the 6th largest provider of professional education in the nation and includes Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, Podiatry, Law, and Dentistry and research centers including CPH’s Center for Obesity Research and Education.

Applications and Nominations. Dr. Philip McCallion, Director and Professor of the School of Social Work, welcomes confidential inquiries and nominations at philip.mccallion@temple.edu. To apply, send a letter of interest, curriculum vita, 1-page research statement, and list of five references to cphsearch@temple.edu. Application review will begin immediately.

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