

**Associate Dean for Research
College of Education
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Position: The College of Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign seeks nominations and applications for the full-time position of Associate Dean for Research. This position will be tenured at the rank of full professor in an academic unit within the College, and will be 50% administrative and 50% research and teaching. The successful candidate in this position will be an established scholar with a national reputation and effective leadership and administrative skills. The Associate Dean for Research will work under the leadership of the Dean and alongside a talented leadership team of Associate Deans and Department Executives.

Our highly ranked College of Education is comprised of six-degree granting departments, most of which are ranked in the top 10 nationwide in the 2009 U.S. News & World Report Rankings of Top Graduate Schools. Over 650 undergraduates and 1100 graduate students enroll in the College annually and the majority of our doctoral students are supported through research assistantships. With about 90 tenured/tenure-track faculty actively engaged in research and teaching, the College had nearly \$28 million in expenditures in FY09, of which \$16.6 million was state-provided. The College has experienced a significant growth in its sponsored project portfolio, and has increasingly become oriented toward grant productivity. We maintain a diverse portfolio of funding sources including the U.S. Department of Education, National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, Illinois State Board of Education, Illinois Board of Higher Education, The Spencer Foundation, and the Lumina Foundation for Education. For more information about the College of Education, visit our website at <http://education.illinois.edu>.

Responsibilities: The Associate Dean for Research has responsibility for promoting and supporting research and external funding within the College of Education and for ensuring that the overall research and scholarship portfolio of the College is commensurate with the public mission and with peer expectations of a Research I, Land Grant University. The successful candidate will be expected to contribute as follows:

- Represent the College research efforts within the University and externally and be the primary liaison with campus and external funding agencies as well as establish strategic partnerships to pursue new research opportunities.
- Oversee the activities of the Bureau of Educational Research which is the administrative unit that fosters collaboration and interdisciplinary activities while supporting grant-related processes and activities.
- Provide leadership for the College of Education's Strategic Research Initiatives.
- Establish and maintain extensive industry and professional association contacts, support existing and identify new strategic partnerships, as well as links with relevant government agencies to ensure that faculty research programs remain well supported and relevant to the changing environment.
- Provide advice to the Dean to ensure that programs and initiatives are framed appropriately to align with policy and funding changes and contribute to senior management team decisions.
- Develop and maintain effective collaborative relationships with all relevant faculties and groups within the University.
- Work with the Advancement staff to maximize private foundation connections in support of grants and gifts.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications: An earned doctorate in education or related field is required, with a strong background in applied quantitative methodologies preferred. To be tenured at the rank of professor, the successful candidate will have an established track record of obtaining external funding and a distinguished academic record commensurate with the expectations of a full professor. The successful candidate will demonstrate a capacity to lead, plan and manage the research of the College, using highly developed communication and leadership skills that foster mutual cooperation between staff and interests external to the College. Excellent oral and written communication skills and the ability to communicate effectively are essential, as are strong organizational, prioritization, and time management skills. The successful candidate will have a demonstrated commitment to diversity and highly developed consultative and negotiation skills.

Starting Date and Salary: The starting date is August 16, 2010, or as soon as possible after the closing date. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with rank and scholarly record.

Closing date: In order to ensure full consideration, applications must be received by December 15, 2009. No hiring decision will be made before December 15th. Applicants should complete a candidate profile at <http://jobs.illinois.edu> and submit a letter of application, complete curriculum vita, names and contact information of three individuals who are willing to write letters of recommendation, and other evidence of scholarship, teaching, and professional leadership.

For more information about the application process, please contact Susan Michaels, Assistant to the Dean, at 217-244-3293 or susanm@illinois.edu. For questions about the position, please contact one of the search committee co-chairs, Dr. Scott Johnson, sjohnson@illinois.edu, or Dr. Thomas Schwandt, tschwandt@illinois.edu.

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