The University of Arkansas for Medical Science (UAMS) seeks a dynamic and innovative academic leader with a nationally recognized research portfolio and strong interpersonal skills to serve as the next Chair of the Department of Physiology and Biophysics. The Chair is responsible for ensuring the highest quality academic, research, and administrative leadership for the department, including strategic planning, faculty recruitment/retention and diversity, resource development and allocation, continuous quality improvement, and representation to external entities.

The Opportunity

The next Chair will have an opportunity to build upon the Department’s strong foundation and craft a vision that will continue to foster discovery and excellence in physiological sciences. Areas of current research focus by departmental faculty broadly include: gene transcription, protein targeting, post-translational protein processing, subcellular signaling, extracellular matrix, control of differentiation and growth, and tumorigenesis. Reporting to the Dean of the College of Medicine, the Chair will provide broad leadership to strengthen and grow the Department’s research initiatives, resources, and educational contributions to UAMS’s College of Medicine and Graduate School. The potential exists for teaching within UAMS’s other four health professions colleges.

Responsibilities:

- Engage the Department’s faculty and staff in defining its vision for the future in alignment with the University’s mission and strategic plan.
- Recruit and develop a diverse cohort of professors who will join the current faculty to execute the Department’s mission and provide a strong succession plan for research, teaching, and mentorship activities.
- Work collaboratively with the Department’s faculty and the Dean to manage the Department’s budget.
- Demonstrate innovation in advancing the Department’s national prominence in its various research areas and exhibit a central role in building academic collaborations and partnerships across the University.
- Foster the Department’s continued innovation and leadership in the use of learning technologies.
- Serve as a model of integrity, demonstrating the highest ethical standards of conduct in all aspects of the Department’s work and in fostering collegiality.
Qualifications

The successful candidate will hold a Ph.D. and/or M.D. with a scholarly history that warrants appointment as a professor, a robust research portfolio, and evidence of leadership and administrative experience in an academic health sciences or equivalent setting. Important qualifications also include service on national grant review study sections, service to national scientific professional organizations, and proven skills in mentoring young researchers.

Interested individuals are asked to submit their CV, NIH-biosketch, and a letter addressing their experiences that fulfill the criteria for this position to Julian Tunno, Manager of Executive and Faculty Recruitment at jtunno@uams.edu Contact Julian Tunno by phone at 501-686-2590.

For further information please visit: https://physiology.uams.edu/chair-search/

Written nominations, inquiries, and applications (including emails) may be subject to disclosure under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.

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