Position Announcement

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences

Head of the Department of Public Health

Appointment starting August 1, 2020

The College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville seeks a visionary, strategically-oriented individual to serve as professor and head of the Department of Public Health. The department head is responsible for leadership of all departmental programs and administrative responsibility for planning, fiscal management, human resources, and facilities. The department head reports directly to the dean of the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences. The head serves as a member of the college’s Administrative Council. The successful candidate will provide leadership during a time of significant growth within the department to accomplish the department’s strategic goals and objectives. Additionally, a successful candidate is expected to effectively advocate for the department to external constituencies and the administration within the university; recruit, motivate and strengthen faculty, staff and students; foster an environment of collegiality, teamwork, diversity and respect; interact with faculty, students, and stakeholders to determine and promote the departmental vision and priorities; cultivate departmental research activity to include external funding; guide the department in its mission related to teaching, research, and service; and have a passion for public health and a commitment to improving the health and well-being of communities. The department's current instructional programs include an undergraduate minor in public health; a Master of Public Health that includes four concentrations and dual degree programs with Nutrition, Law, and Veterinary Medicine; a graduate epidemiology minor; a doctoral program; and two certificate programs (Food Safety and Health Policy). The head will have the opportunity to strengthen and expand the existing degree programs, including the expansion of the undergraduate program in the department (anticipated Fall 2021) and the enhancement of the doctoral program, which is anticipated to transition from a DrPH to a PhD degree in Fall 2020. The University of Tennessee Knoxville is seeking candidates who have the ability to contribute in meaningful ways to the diversity and intercultural goals of the University.

Required Qualifications: Doctoral degree in public health or related field; previously earned tenure in a higher education institution; must qualify for the rank of professor in the department; history of external funding in research/scholarship; an extensive record of scholarship in public health; previous university teaching experience; and demonstrated experience in fiscal management.

Desired Qualifications: Demonstrated commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion; experience with strategic planning; history of external funding in scholarship as a principal investigator or director; values and has the capability to mentor faculty in all aspects of externally-funded scholarship; and knowledge of the principles of the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) and Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH), and experience with accreditation processes.

Submit letter of application addressing the required and desired qualifications; curriculum vita; and the names, mail and e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of three references in a single electronic
(PDF) to Dr. Hollie Raynor, search committee chair, at hraynor@utk.edu. Application review will begin March 2, 2020 and continue until the position is filled.

All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration for employment and admission without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, genetic information, veteran status, and parental status, or any other characteristic protected by federal or state law. In accordance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the University of Tennessee affirmatively states that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, or disability in its education programs and activities, and this policy extends to employment by the university. Inquiries and charges of violation of Title VI (race, color, and national origin), Title IX (sex), Section 504 (disability), the ADA (disability), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (age), sexual orientation, or veteran status should be directed to the Office of Equity and Diversity, 1840 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-3560, telephone 865-974-2498. Requests for accommodation of a disability should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at the Office of Equity and Diversity.