Department Chair and Rollins Professor

Behavioral Sciences and Health Education
Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University

The Rollins School of Public Health (RSPH) of Emory University is recruiting a leader with a background in behavioral or social sciences, health education or a related area to serve as Chair of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education (BSHE; www.sph.emory.edu/cms/departments_centers/bshe/). Applicants should have a PhD, MD, DrPH or equivalent terminal degree and qualify as a tenured full professor. The Chair will be expected to contribute to excellence in the Department by furthering its missions of research, teaching and service on the interaction of biological, behavioral, social, cultural, and historical processes as they contribute to the health and well-being of populations. The successful candidate will have administrative experience, an active program of research, and collegial and effective approach to academic leadership. The Department Chair will be appointed the Rollins Professor of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education, supported by a school endowment.

The Department includes 32 full-time faculty members and over 60 jointly-appointed, adjunct and affiliated faculty members. BSHE faculty conduct research to address health disparities and social determinants, develop and test interventions informed by a social ecologic framework, and employ mixed, multi-level and participatory methods to improve population health in both domestic and global contexts. Supported by over $13 million in annual external funding, faculty investigators engage in research on a diverse range of issues including: cancer and chronic disease prevention, sexual health including HIV/AIDS risk reduction, tobacco and illicit substance use, mental health, and reproductive health. Faculty members have disciplinary backgrounds in psychology, health education, sociology, anthropology, public health, human development, and history, and many have joint appointments with other departments and schools at Emory. There is a strong tradition of collaboration between BSHE faculty and faculty from other departments in RSPH and the School of Medicine, School of Nursing and College of Arts and Sciences.

The Department enrolls approximately 80-90 MPH students each year and has a PhD program (4-6 enrolled each year). The Department is home to the CDC-funded Emory Prevention Research Center, the HRSA-funded Emory Public Health Training Center, the NIH-funded Prevention Sciences Core of the Emory Center for AIDS Research, the NIH-funded Center for Prevention Implementation Methodology, the NIH-funded Women's Interagency HIV Study and the CDC- and state-funded Tobacco and Diabetes Technical Assistance Consortium. Research and training collaborations occur between BSHE and a host of national and global Atlanta-based institutions, including the CDC, the American Cancer Society, the Carter Center, CARE USA, and the Task Force for Global Health. Scientists at these neighboring institutions contribute to the Department as researchers and co-investigators, course instructors, thesis advisors, and practicum preceptors.

The Rollins School of Public Health currently employs over 170 full-time faculty members and enrolls over 1000 full- and part-time graduate students in its MPH, MSPH and doctoral programs. The School is located on the Emory University campus, adjacent to the CDC, Emory’s Schools of Medicine and Nursing and a number of laboratory and clinical facilities. Emory is a major research university and member of the AAU; its endowment is among the largest of US universities. The University enrolls nearly 14,000 students, approximately half in undergraduate programs and half in graduate and professional programs, taught by 2500 faculty.

Applicants should send (preferably by email) a letter indicating their interest accompanied by a curriculum vita to: Dr. Paige Tolbert, Search Committee Chair c/o Laura Lloyd, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, 1518 Clifton Rd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30322 (lmlloyd@emory.edu). Applications will be kept confidential and references will not be contacted without the permission of applicants. Emory posting number 35137BR.

The starting date is negotiable and salary is commensurate with qualifications. We will start interviewing candidates in early Fall, 2013, and continue until the position is filled.

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