Chair, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, College of Human Sciences

Texas Tech University invites nominations and applications for the Chair of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies position within the College of Human Sciences.

The Chairperson reports to the Dean of the College of Human Sciences and is responsible for the department’s academic programs (including curriculum), governance, faculty recruitment, planning, and financial affairs. The Chairperson acts as the department’s advocate to fulfill the missions of the department, college, and university and participates as a team member on the College of Human Sciences Administrative Committee. The Chairperson also works with and leads the faculty in pursuit of grants and contracts, developing a flow of research from the department, and facilitating faculty participation in interdisciplinary and/or distance programs as appropriate. She/he represents the department to the students, faculty, administration, and profession.

Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies, Early Childhood, Psychology, or another closely related field and previous administrative experience. Preference will be given to those with previous department chair experience.

The Department of Human Development and Family Studies, enrolling approximately 1,000 students, is one of five departments in the College of Human Sciences at Texas Tech University. The department’s undergraduate programs include Human Development and Family Studies and Early Childhood, which is a teacher certification program. The graduate program in Human Development and Family Studies offers master’s and doctoral degrees. The department mission is to apply contextual and systemic frameworks to the study of individual development and relationship processes across the life span through teaching, research, professional service, and outreach. The state-of-the-art research and teaching laboratories, including the Barton Observation Research Suite, the Christine Devitt and Helen Jones Child Development Research Center, and Early Head Start facilities, are sites where discoveries are made related to optimal individual development and healthy relationships. Both child care laboratories are accredited with the National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) as well as the Council for the Accreditation of Educational Preparation (CAEP). The department has designation as an approved program for the Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE). Graduates of the doctoral program are equipped with methodological and statistical skills necessary to advance the field through empirical research.

Texas Tech University is a state-designated national research university. Its 2010 strategic plan charts a course for Texas Tech becoming a great public research university by 2020. The university has characteristics of a Carnegie-classified doctoral granting university with very high research productivity and is ranked by both the National Science Foundation and the Center for Measuring University Performance amongst the top 150 research universities in the country with total research expenditures exceeding $125M, an endowment worth $430M, total Ph.D.s graduated well over 200, with undergraduate and graduate enrollments of 27,000 and 5,300, respectively and with faculty who are increasingly being recognized for their scholarship by NSF, the Welch Foundation and others. It is expected that Texas Tech will at least double the
size of its research activity by 2020. TTU is presently actively engaged in strategic and cluster hiring to add capacity in critical areas tied to its strategic research themes (see http://www.ttu.edu/stratplan/docs/Making-It-Possible-Strategic-Plan-2010-Texas-Tech-9-21-10pdf.pdf and http://www.ttu.edu/stratplan/docs/StratPlanResearch0410.pdf).

Confidential applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled. Candidate screening will begin immediately. For best consideration, applications and nominations should be provided by **April 7, 2014**. An application will include a letter describing relevant experiences and interest in the position; current curriculum vitae and the names of five references with titles, mailing addresses, business/home telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. Individuals who wish to nominate a candidate should submit a letter of nomination, including the name, position, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the nominee. Greenwood/Asher & Associates, an executive search firm, is assisting Texas Tech University in the search.

Applications and letters of nominations should be submitted to:

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