George Mason University
College of Health and Human Services
Position Announcement

Position Title: Professor and Chair, Department of Global and Community Health
(position number F9258Z)

The College of Health and Human Services at George Mason University seeks an energetic and visionary leader to serve as the next Chair of the Department of Global and Community Health (GCH). The GCH Chair will hold a 12-month tenured faculty position to build and advance the Department as the College transitions to become a college of public health.

A Carnegie Research I institution, Mason is the largest and most diverse public university in Virginia, with more than 37,000 students from 50 states and over 135 countries. Located in Fairfax, Virginia, Mason is located in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and offers easy access to the cultural, scientific, and political resources of the nation’s capital. Mason has two nearby satellite campuses along with a third in Seoul, Korea. The university has a strong institutional commitment to ensuring access to excellent and innovation. It is committed to diversity and inclusion and strongly encourages candidates to apply who will enrich Mason’s academic and culturally inclusive environment.

About the Department and College
The Department of Global and Community Health is one of 5 departments that comprise the College of Health and Human Services along with the School of Nursing, and is home to approximately 1,900 undergraduate and 950 graduate students and approximately 140 faculty and staff. Academic degree programs offered by the Department include a B.S. in community health, an MPH with 6 concentrations, an M.S. in global health, and a graduate certificate in public health. The B.S., MPH, and M.S. degrees are all CEPH accredited. A proposal for a PhD in Public Health with concentrations in Epidemiology and Social, Behavioral Health is under review by the State Council on Higher Education in Virginia. Department members are engaged in multidisciplinary research in health behaviors and various epidemiologic specialties including cancer, chronic disease, environmental, nutritional, reproductive, and social epidemiology.

The College and Department of Global and Community Health reside in Peterson Family Health Science Hall, a new state-of-the-art building that features an expansive array of research spaces, conference rooms, interactive classrooms, and administrative offices. The College is home to the newly opened Population Health Center whose mission is to provide interprofessional clinical and behavioral health, while supporting population-based research and offering professional development and training opportunities. The telehealth-ready Center offers an array of research and clinical resources (e.g., clinical examination and counseling rooms, DXA, fMRI, gait lab, metabolic cart, biospecimen collection) and supports electronic health records and research database management systems. The Center is home to the recently launched Mason: Health Starts Here Cohort, a prospective study focusing on the
determinants of young adults’ health status while in college and as they transition into adulthood. The Center also has the 10th Mason and Partners’ Clinics that serve vulnerable population subgroups in Northern Virginia.

Expectations and Responsibilities
The Chair will provide leadership to support and advance the Department’s research, service and academic programs. The chair is responsible for managing fiscal resources, ensuring the quality of externally accredited undergraduate and graduate academic programs, recruiting and retaining faculty and staff, mentoring early and mid-career faculty, facilitating professional development of all faculty and staff, and promoting the department in partnership with the College and University. The chair will have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, serve as a strong advocate for the department and engage in transparent decision-making while nurturing a culture of consensus and collaboration. Chairs serve as part of the College leadership team to advance the teaching, research and service mission of the College.

Qualifications
Qualified candidates are required to have an earned doctoral degree in a public health discipline or a closely related field or an MD with an earned public health graduate degree; a record of successful institutional or academic leadership, a demonstrated commitment to supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion; substantial publications in refereed journals; a history of extramurally funded research, and evidence of effective teaching.

Preferred qualifications include experience in public health curriculum development and external accreditation.

Applicants must apply for position number F9258Z using https://jobs.gmu.edu/postings/search. The application package should include: (1) a cover letter describing the applicant’s qualifications and interest in the position; (2) a curriculum vitae; (3) a short statement of teaching experience and effectiveness; (4) a summary of research accomplishments; (5) a short statement of experience supporting academic diversity, equity, and inclusion; (6) a short leadership statement that describes a vision for a department of Global and Community Health in a future college of public health at Mason.

Reference Letters
Three letters of reference are required for individuals selected to interview on campus. Applicants for the position will provide contact information for three references at the time of application. Candidates invited to come to campus for interviews will submit three written letters of reference. Letters of reference will obtained by the candidate and submitted to the search committee on the first day of the on campus interview.

The initial review of applications will begin on November 1, 2019 and continues, thereafter, until the position is filled. Only complete electronic applications submitted using jobs.gmu.edu will be reviewed. An offer of employment is contingent upon background verification.
For questions about the posted position, search process and/or University, please contact the Search Committee Chair: Dr. PJ Maddox at: pmaddox@gmu.edu; 703-993-1982.

George Mason University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, and is committed to building a diverse faculty and staff. Underrepresented candidates including women and minorities are particularly encouraged to submit their candidacy.