Department Head and Associate or Full Professor, Geography

Position

The Department of Geography in the College of Arts & Sciences at Kansas State University is seeking applications for the position of Department Head at the rank of Associate or full Professor to lead the department as we strive to achieve the university’s goal of being recognized as a top 50 public research university by 2025: http://www.k-state.edu/2025. This is a 12-month, tenure line appointment. Promotion, tenure, and reappointment criteria are located at: (http://www.k-state.edu/academicpersonnel/fhbook/fhsecc.html#70) Departmental documents can be found at: http://www.k-state.edu/academicpersonnel/add/as/geog/index.html Start date is July 1, 2013.

Responsibilities

The department head will

- provide leadership for the development of the department according to department, college, and university strategic goals;
- oversee and supervise departmental functions (e.g., scheduling, budgeting, and personnel);
- represent the department on and off-campus;
- mentor faculty members in their research and teaching;
- teach, advise, and pursue research in her/his area of interest;
- foster a sense of community by promoting open communication, cooperation, and collegiality among faculty, staff, and students
- work with the college, K-State Foundation, and alumni to attract funds and resources;
- respect the breadth of the discipline and diverse approaches to scholarship; and
- relate well to individuals of diverse backgrounds.

Qualifications

Required

- Earned Ph.D. in geography or a closely related field
- Strong background of scholarship in geography
- Excellent leadership and administrative skills
- Qualifications consistent with the rank of Associate Professor or higher

Preferred

- Demonstrated success in a leadership or administrative role
- Demonstrated ability to obtain and administer external funding, including philanthropic gifts
- Experience working with diverse groups
- Qualifications consistent with the rank of Professor

Department Information

There are currently 13 faculty, 24 Ph.D. students, 13 M.A. students, and 100 undergraduate majors in the department. The department's core areas of geographic inquiry may be found on the departmental web site: http://www.k-state.edu/geography/academics. The department houses the Geographic Information Systems Spatial Analysis Laboratory (GISSAL), the Paleoenvironmental Laboratory, the Remote Sensing Research Laboratory, a GIS/Remote Sensing Computer Teaching Laboratory, photogrammetric instrumentation, and a high definition videoconferencing system. Research software tools include a campus site license for Esri's GIS products and statistical and remote sensing programs such as ERDAS Imagine and ENVI.

College Information

The programs in the College of Arts and Sciences (http://www.k-state.edu/artsci/) are central to K-State’s historic and present missions. The College contains 27 departments and programs and offers a number of special programs and secondary majors. With more than 7,000 students, it attracts the largest enrollment of any K-State college. It also offers
approximately 85 percent of all freshman courses and 65 percent of all credits taught. The University is aggressively implementing a plan to be nationally recognized as a top 50 public research university by 2025.

Application Information

Review of applications will begin **January 14, 2013**, and continue until the position is filled. Applicants must submit: (1) a letter of application that describes their qualifications and background, (2) a statement outlining a vision for expanding the department’s research capabilities and productivity, (3) a curriculum vita, and (4) the names and contact information for three references (preference is for a single PDF file) to Ms. Karen Solt, College of Arts & Sciences, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506-1005; (785) 532-6900. Submissions by email are preferred: solt@K-STATE.EDU. Contact the search committee chair with any questions: Eric Maatta (eam@ksu.edu), 785-532-6665. Kansas State University is an equal opportunity employer and actively seeks diversity among its employees. A background check is required.