DEAN, SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO

The University of New Mexico is seeking a visionary leader for the position of Dean of the School of Engineering. Located in Albuquerque, the largest city in New Mexico and one of the fastest growing in the Southwest, UNM is a Carnegie Very High Research University and a federally-designated Hispanic-Serving Institution. UNM is the largest and most comprehensive of the state’s institutions of higher education. Founded in 1889, UNM serves a diverse student population of nearly 35,000 on five campuses (approximately 27,000 at its Albuquerque main campus). The University participates in the further development of the Rio Grande Research Corridor, in collaboration with the nearby national and federal laboratories and other research organizations in the region. The University operates on a budget of $2 billion of which over $300 million is derived from research and sponsored projects. The budget supports approximately 15,000 full- and part-time employees and over 200 undergraduate and graduate programs.

The School of Engineering (SOE) has over 100 faculty in five academic departments: Chemical and Nuclear Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering. Among the internationally recognized centers associated with the school are the Center for High Technology Materials, the Center for Microengineered Materials, the Center for Advanced Research Computing, the Mind Research Network, the Center for Biomedical Engineering, and the Center for Emerging Energy Technologies. UNM is also a member institution of the WERC-A Consortium for Environmental Education & Technology Development. The SOE academic budget is nearly $13M and annual research and contract funding is $31M. The School has close relations with industry and with three federal laboratories in New Mexico – Sandia National Laboratories, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and the Air Force Research Laboratory Phillips Research Site. The SOE, with enrollments of about 1,100 undergraduates and 600 graduate students, is committed to diversity with several externally funded programs encouraging women and minority students in science and engineering. The SOE is ranked nationally for both its undergraduate and graduate programs.

The Dean, who reports directly to the Provost/Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, provides academic and administrative leadership to the SOE. As the primary academic and administrative officer of the faculty of the School of Engineering, the Dean will assume a central leadership role in continuing development of the SOE’s disciplines toward national eminence with a solid commitment to research and teaching. The Dean is responsible for improving and promoting the SOE in areas of instruction, research, fiscal management, development and personnel.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Earned Ph.D. in Engineering or Computer Science, or a doctoral degree in a related discipline
- Record of accomplishment or credentials that would merit appointment at the rank of tenured full professor in an academic department of the School of Engineering at the University
- Three years of management and administrative experience at the level of department head, chair, research director, center director, dean, or the equivalent

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ability to articulate a vision for the future of engineering education and research, including concepts to enhance the reputation and stature of the School of Engineering
- Demonstrated excellence and recognition of research and scholarly achievement at national and international levels
- Demonstrated commitment to academic excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels
- Demonstrated commitment to the recruitment and retention of a diverse faculty, staff and student body to facilitate cultural diversity and equal opportunity
• Demonstrated ability to acquire or facilitate financial support for education and research activities including fundraising, working with advisory groups, and cultivating major gifts prospects
• Demonstrated understanding of the role and operation of a doctoral granting national research university
• Demonstrated leadership and managerial abilities including fiscal and resource management, excellent communication skills, and promotion of research and training activities
• Evidence of work or collaboration with industry or private sector institutions
• Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with University administration and State leadership
• Understanding of the roles of the diverse stakeholders within the University

How to Apply: Applications should be submitted online through UNMJobs.unm.edu, by referencing posting #0803339. For best consideration, applications should be submitted by January 11, 2010, and the position is open until filled. Nominations can be submitted electronically to Bonnie Leigh Reifsteck, Search Coordinator, at bonniec@unm.edu (phone: 505.277.2611).

A complete application consists of (1) a letter which expresses interest in and addresses the applicant’s qualifications for the position as described above, (2) a current curriculum vitae/résumé, (3) and the names, addresses, e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of at least five professional references. Please note that references will only be contacted after express permission from the applicant is obtained but reference contact information is required to complete the application. UNM's confidentiality policy ("Recruitment and Hiring," Policy #3210), which includes information about public disclosure of documents submitted by applicants, is located at http://www.unm.edu/~ubppm.

The University of New Mexico is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer/Educator. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

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