

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

PROFESSOR AND HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction is seeking applications, nominations, and recommendations for a senior scholar with a distinguished research, teaching and service record to serve as head of the department. This individual will provide vision and leadership to innovatively address challenges facing today's learners by advancing knowledge and impacting state, national and international policies from the platform of a major research land-grant university.

The Department consists of a community of internationally and nationally recognized faculty as well as emerging scholars, from diverse backgrounds. Research anchors work at the graduate level, and is organized into four program areas: Curriculum, Aesthetics, and Teacher Education (CATE); Digital Environments for Learning, Teaching & Agency (DELTA), Language and Literacy (L&L); and Mathematics, Science, and Engineering (MSE). Undergraduate programs focus on global and local concerns of pre-service teacher education in early childhood, elementary, middle grades and secondary education. Faculty contribute significantly to the College's licensure degree programs, which are administrated at the College-level. The Department contributes to the Learning and Educational Studies program, a recently developed non-licensure undergraduate major in the College that prepares graduates for educationally relevant design, development, and research careers across all sectors of society.

The department head has the administrative support of an associate head for graduate programs, program area chairs, as well as administrative assistance, and works collaboratively with a College executive leadership team committed to transformative education.

The College provides strong support for research through the Bureau of Educational Research, and opportunities abound for collaboration within the College and across campus focused on topics including STEM education, urban and rural education, family and community engagement, supporting beginning teachers, learning sciences, innovations in educational technology, bilingual education, and evaluation and assessment. Collaborative research is encouraged on the campus through a range of initiatives including interdisciplinary institutes of which the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications are two examples. Faculty in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction are funded by the National Science Foundation, Institute of Education Sciences, U. S. Department of Education, National Institutes of Health, Illinois State Board of Education and private foundations

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction, ranked twelfth in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report* (2017), is dedicated to excellence in research, teaching, and service. Central to the Department's mission is to address critical issues of learning, teaching, and social justice at global and local levels. In this pursuit, faculty and graduate students employ varied research approaches in varied educational settings, and prepare educational professionals at graduate and undergraduate levels who seek deep interconnections among theory, research, and practice. Information about the Department of Curriculum and Instruction may be found at <http://education.illinois.edu/ci> and about the College of Education at <http://education.illinois.edu>.

Qualifications: Applicants must possess an earned doctorate in a relevant field and demonstrate a strong record of scholarship commensurate with the position of full professor. Evidence of previous leadership experience in higher education is strongly preferred, as is a strong record of acquiring external funding, an understanding of the complexities of P-12 education and teacher education, a commitment to building inclusive relationships, and experience with faculty and program development.

Starting Date and Salary: Salary will be competitive and commensurate with qualifications. The starting date is August 16, 2018 or as soon as possible after the closing date.

Confidential inquiries about the position may be directed to Professor Gabrielle Allen, Search Committee Chair, gdallen@illinois.edu, phone: (217) 300-5515.

Nomination and Application Procedures: To recommend or nominate a scholar for this position, please contact the Search Committee Chair. Those interested in applying may do so directly. Applicants should create a confidential candidate profile at <https://jobs.illinois.edu> and upload the following in one combined PDF file: a letter of application, curriculum vitae, brief statement of research and teaching interests, and the contact details of at least three references. Review of applications will begin on November 1st, 2017. For full consideration applications should be submitted by December 8th. However, applications will continue to be considered until suitable candidates are identified. All requested information must be submitted for the application to be considered.

Illinois is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, status as a protected veteran, or status as a qualified individual with a disability. Illinois welcomes individuals with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and ideas who embrace and value diversity and inclusivity. (www.inclusiveillinois.illinois.edu).