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College of Public Health

GOVERNOR SIDNEY S. McMATH ENDOWED CHAIR IN OBESITY PREVENTION AND DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF OBESITY

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health (COPH) (<http://publichealth.uams.edu/>) invites applications for the Governor Sidney S. McMath Endowed Chair in Obesity Prevention and Director of the Center for the Study of Obesity. Competitive applicants will have a doctoral degree in public health or a related field and a record of professorial excellence (teaching, scholarship, and service) in public health. It is expected that competitive applicants will be qualified for a faculty appointment at the full Professor level in an appropriate department, which may be in any one of the COPH's five departments in core public health areas.

Competitive candidates will have a strong, established record of interdisciplinary research related to obesity prevention and be capable of leading the development of an interdisciplinary Center of existing and planned new faculty recruits in the College. Competitive candidates will foster and create collaboration with other researchers across the UAMS campus involved in the area of obesity, including basic scientists studying nutrition and exercise physiology as well as in the affiliated USDA-funded Arkansas Children's Nutrition Center (<http://acnc.uamsweb.com/>). It is anticipated that the Center for the Study of Obesity will develop not only active research programs related to obesity prevention, but will also contribute to the College's diverse educational and training programs from the Post-Baccalaureate level through the College's four doctoral programs (DrPH in Public Health Leadership and three PhD programs in Health Promotion and Prevention Research, Health Systems and Services Research, and Epidemiology respectively) and at the Post-doctoral Fellow level. Finally, it is expected that the individual in this position will contribute to providing technical assistance and leadership in the public health practice community throughout the state to prevent and reduce obesity among Arkansans.

The COPH was created in 2001 with a portion of the state's tobacco settlement funds and was accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health in spring 2004 and remains accredited through 2021. As part of the state's only academic health sciences center, the College enjoys close relationships with the UAMS Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Health Professions and the Graduate School, as well as the Arkansas Department of Health and Arkansas Department of Human Services. Opportunities at UAMS for collaboration also exist including those with UAMS' centers of excellence: the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging with its network of seven satellite Centers on Aging across the state, the Stephens Spine Institute, the Psychiatric Research Institute, the Myeloma Institute, and the Translational Research Institute. UAMS also has a statewide presence through its eight Regional Programs sites (formerly called Area Health Education Centers) and a regional campus located in northwest Arkansas, offering ready access to populations across Arkansas.

Little Rock, the state's capital, is centrally located in the state on the Arkansas River (<http://www.littlerock.com/>). It is a growing and thriving metropolitan area that is a hub for business, arts, government, and health care in the state. Little Rock boasts a thriving downtown, with a robust restaurant and music scene, complete with a low cost of living. Along the Arkansas River, are over 50 miles of biking/walking trails. Little Rock was honored in 2013 as the #1 city in *Kiplinger's* 10 Great Places to Live (small to midsize city category), was also ranked in *Forbes* in the 15 Best Cities for Young Adults and One of Five Secret Foodie Cities, and in May 2016 was ranked as #4 in the 20 best affordable places to live in the U.S. by U.S. News and World Report (<http://realestate.usnews.com/real-estate/slideshows/the-20-best-affordable-places-to-live-in-the-us/>)

Applications/nominations of women, veterans and racial or ethnic minorities are encouraged. The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences is an EEO/AA employer. All applicants should send a cover letter outlining their background and interests, and a CV, and request three professional colleagues to send letters of recommendation. Applications, letters of recommendation, and inquiries should be directed to: Jim Raczynski, PhD, Professor and Founding Dean, Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health, UAMS, 4301 W. Markham St., #820, Little Rock, AR 72205; 501-526-6600; ObesityEndowedChair@uams.edu.