Department of Family Science  
School of Public Health  
University of Maryland, College Park  

POSITION VACANCY: DEPARTMENT CHAIR

The Department of Family Science (FMSC) at the University of Maryland, College Park, invites applications and nominations for the position of Professor and Chair, a 12-month appointment. FMSC is the only Family Science department in an accredited School of Public Health in the nation. It is widely recognized as a top-ranked department focusing on the discovery and application of knowledge about families and the enhancement of their health and well-being. FMSC’s interdisciplinary programs examine both internal family processes and the dynamic interaction of families with the biological, behavioral, sociocultural, economic, and political aspects of their environment. The Department offers a Bachelor of Science in Family Science, a Master of Science in Couple and Family Therapy (accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education), and Ph.D. degrees in Family Science and Maternal and Child Health.

FMSC’s 16 full-time faculty come from diverse disciplinary backgrounds including family science, human development, maternal and child health, epidemiology, psychology, sociology, economics, history, and law. Faculty are nationally and internationally recognized scholars who hold leadership positions in key family science professional organizations. Current plans are to hire an additional two tenure-track faculty members during the upcoming year. FMSC has been named “Outstanding Academic Unit” by the University President’s Commission on Ethnic Minority Issues four times in the past 16 years. The Department has 425 undergraduate majors and 45 full-time graduate students. FMSC sponsors the Maryland Family Impact Seminar and operates the Center for Healthy Families, a training and research center that annually provides clinical services to 450 families. FMSC faculty are engaged with school/university research centers, such as the Maryland Center for Health Equity, Maryland Population Research Center, Maryland Prevention Research Center, and Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy. The Department is housed in state-of-the-art academic and clinical facilities in the School of Public Health.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The Chair provides strategic leadership to advance the teaching, research, and service/outreach missions of the Department and School. The Chair will work closely with FMSC faculty, students and staff, the Dean’s Office, and other campus leaders to: 1) ensure excellence in academic programs, curriculum development, and clinic operations, 2) lead the faculty in pursuing research grants and contracts, 3) facilitate faculty and student participation in interdisciplinary research programs and service activities, 4) expand FMSC collaborations with academic, research, community, government and industry partners, and 5) provide fiscal management and oversight of Departmental operations. Additionally, the Chair serves as a member of the School’s senior leadership
team and represents the department to students, faculty, administrators, the profession, and the general public.

QUALIFICATIONS: Candidates should hold a doctoral degree in family science, maternal and child health, epidemiology, psychology, sociology, human development, family and population health or a related discipline, and should demonstrate a strong record of funded research and scholarship in an area relevant to the department’s mission. Candidates should be eligible for appointment as a tenured Full Professor. Previous academic leadership and/or administrative experience are required. The successful candidate must demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion; an ability to foster professional and community partnerships; and excellent communication, organizational, mentoring, and interpersonal skills.

APPLICATION: For full consideration, applicants should submit a cover letter describing their interests, qualifications, and current research and a curriculum vitae. For best consideration please submit by October 15, 2015. Review will continue until the position is filled. Applications will be held in confidence until finalists are invited to campus. Contact information for three references may be requested after the initial review; however, references will not be contacted without the consent of the candidate. Submit applications electronically at https://ejobs.umd.edu, position number #106050 listed under the Faculty section. If you have any questions, please email Dr. Barbara Curbow, Chair of the Search Committee at bcurbow@umd.edu. Please indicate “Department Chair Search” in the subject line of email correspondence.

The University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) is a Research Intensive and Land Grant University. UMCP is the flagship campus of the University of Maryland System with over 2,500 faculty, 27,000 undergraduates, and 10,000 graduate students. The University is located 6 miles from Washington D.C. and 30 miles from the State capital of Annapolis. The campus is within close proximity of the National Institutes of Health, the National Center for Health Statistics, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and many other federal, state, and local health and human service agencies, as well as headquarters for numerous public health related non-governmental organizations. For further information on the Department of Family Science, please visit our website: http://www.sph.umd.edu/fmsc/.

The University of Maryland is an equal opportunity, equal access, and affirmative action employer dedicated to increasing the diversity of its faculty and administrators. The University has a range of family-friendly policies and programs, including spousal/partner career assistance. We encourage applications from qualified individuals with varied experiences, perspectives, and backgrounds. Applications from minority and women candidates are strongly encouraged. Salary is competitive with other major universities and commensurate with qualifications and experience. The University of Maryland offers a comprehensive benefits package. Appointment begins July 1, 2016.