ME Department Chair Search

Nominations and applications are being solicited for the position of Chair and Full Professor of the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of Kansas (KUME). Candidates should have demonstrated intellectual leadership and management skills to continue the department’s rapid growth of research and scholarship. KUME is seeking a dynamic individual to strategically lead and grow excellence in the ongoing expansion of the interdisciplinary research thrusts associated with KUME, including bioengineering, sustainable energy, and transportation, while maintaining traditional core strengths in mechanical engineering. Further development of strong partnerships with other academic institutions, national labs, and industry is also a goal.

Candidates are sought who have an earned doctorate in mechanical engineering, or a closely related field, and to be appointable at the rank of full professor. The successful candidate should be results oriented, have achieved distinction in university-level teaching and research and have a record of superior scholarship, externally funded research, administrative ability, and academic leadership at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. In addition, candidates should have a record of strong commitment to broadening the participation of women and minorities in engineering. The Chair appointment is for an initial term of five years with the possibility of renewal, and serves at the pleasure of the Dean of the School of Engineering.

Since 2012, the KU School of Engineering and the state of Kansas have continued to invest in our Building on Excellence Initiative, which includes 30 new engineering faculty, four new engineering buildings, and significant increases in both graduate and undergraduate enrollment. In addition, KU has made recent infrastructure investments of over $370M in four state-of-the-art ~600,000 sq ft complexes having interdisciplinary ties with engineering. KUME currently has 20 tenured/tenure track faculty and over 500 students, with programs leading to bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees. KUME offers a robust industry sponsored capstone program as well as support of innovation and collaboration through student experiential learning and interdisciplinary cooperation. Further information can be found on the department and school of engineering website: https://me.engr.ku.edu/ and https://engr.ku.edu/our-mission

KU is a comprehensive educational and research-intensive AAU institution with more than 30,000 students and 2,500 faculty members, which operates through a diverse, multi-campus system, wherein diversity in pedagogy, curriculum, outreach to students, and research are highly valued. Thus, KU’s many parts are bound together by a mission to serve as a "center for learning, research, scholarship and creative endeavor" in the state of Kansas, the nation and the world. The KU Main Campus is in Lawrence, a thriving city of 91,000 in the forested hills of eastern Kansas that is located adjacent to the Kansas City metropolitan area, home to over 2.3 million people.

Target starting date is August 1, 2018. Application materials should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and a two-page statement including integrated goals and aspirations for KUME leadership, teaching, broadening participation of women and minorities, and research, as well as a brief description of personal research and teaching philosophy. For full consideration, the deadline to apply is October 30, 2017. Applications will be considered until the position is filled.

Link to full description and Application: https://employment.ku.edu/academic/9912BR

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