The University of Arkansas, the state’s flagship campus, seeks a dynamic leader to head the Ralph E. Martin Department of Chemical Engineering. The successful applicant will hold the Kevin W. and Marie L. Brown Chair in Chemical Engineering. With a $23 million endowment, the Ralph E. Martin Department of Chemical Engineering houses 5 endowed chairs and 8 endowed professorships to support its faculty, and fosters expertise in membrane separations, materials, biomedical engineering, nanotechnology, and environmental engineering. The department is home to an NSF IUCRC-funded MAST Membrane Center and the Chemical Hazards Research Center. The department has 14 tenured/tenure-track faculty, including two AIChE fellows, 1 professor of practice, 2 teaching assistant professors, and 1 instructor and occupies over 21,000 square feet of laboratory space for research and teaching.

Job Summary

We are seeking a leader with a clear vision for elevating the national prominence of our program fostering an inclusive culture where all faculty, staff, and students are welcomed and can thrive, as well as growing the strengths and capabilities of the department, advancing the undergraduate and graduate programs, fostering interaction with industry, and developing interdisciplinary programs. Successful candidates must hold a PhD in Chemical Engineering or related field meet the academic achievements commensurate with appointment as a full professor with tenure. The successful candidate will have a distinguished record as an educator and researcher, as well as demonstrated abilities in academic program development and leadership, excellent communications skills.

College and University

The College of Engineering consists of eight departments that offer Bachelor and Masters Degrees in ten disciplines, as well as the PhD Degree in Engineering with nine concentrations. The undergraduate enrollment in the college currently stands at over 3,200 and the graduate enrollment stands at just over 1,000. The college has 120 tenured/tenure-track full-time faculty and has externally funded annual research expenditures of approximately $27M.

The University of Arkansas is home to intellectual leaders in a wide variety of fields and the future has never been brighter. In 2020, the University completed a capital campaign that raised nearly $1.5 billion, including a $194.7 million grant from the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation that will establish the University of Arkansas Institute for Integrative and Innovative Research (I3R). I3R will transform the research, innovation and economic development culture of the university, allowing the university's research engine to thrive while driving commercialization and entrepreneurship education. Funding provided by that grant will be used to establish a new $89 million research facility aimed at attracting top faculty to engage in innovative, cross-disciplinary work. The grant also includes the establishment of new faculty chairs and endowments, start-up matching funds for faculty and support staff, and more. All these advances allow the University of Arkansas to provide an internationally competitive education for undergraduate and graduate students in a wide spectrum of disciplines as we work to fulfill our public land-grant mission to serve Arkansas and beyond as a partner, resource, and catalyst.
Located in the stunning Ozark Mountains, the University of Arkansas is the nation's seventh fastest-growing public research university and consistently ranks among the top public universities and best values in the United States. Founded in 1871 as a land grant institution, the state's first public university is classified by the Carnegie Foundation among only two percent of universities in America with the highest level of research activity. For more information about the University, see [http://www.uark.edu](http://www.uark.edu).

Northwest Arkansas is one of the most economically stable regions in the nation and serves as the base of operations for Walmart, Tyson Foods Inc., and J.B. Hunt Transport Services. Because of their presence, many other corporations have established primary or secondary headquarters in the region. Their close proximity to the university offers exceptional opportunities for research partnerships, internships, and post-graduation employment, as well as access to high-end amenities and world-class art, culture, and entertainment. For additional information about the area, see [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9ihImu88OQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9ihImu88OQ).

**Application Process**

Applicants will electronically submit: (a) a letter of application addressing their perspective on leadership, vision for the department, and teaching and research philosophies, (b) comprehensive curriculum vita, (c) an inclusion and diversity statement, and (d) names and contact information for five professional references. Applications must be submitted via: [Department Chairperson - Chemical Engineering - 12 MONTH (myworkdayjobs.com)](http://www.uark.edu).

Other inquiries or questions may be directed to:

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Chair, CHEG Department Head Search Committee  
Professor and Department Head of Civil Engineering  
21st Century Leadership Chair in Civil Engineering  
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References will not be contacted until advanced stages of screening. Full consideration will be given to applications received by April 2, 2021. Applications submitted after that date will be reviewed as necessary to fill the position. This position is subject to a pre-employment criminal background check. A criminal conviction, arrest pending adjudication, or adverse financial history information alone shall not disqualify an applicant in the absence of a relationship to the requirements of the position. Background check information will be used in a confidential, non-discriminatory manner consistent with state and federal law.
Diversity and Inclusion

The College of Engineering is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse and pluralistic faculty, staff, and administration committed to teaching and working in a diverse environment. The College strongly encourages applications from women, minorities, individuals with disabilities, and veterans. The University of Arkansas is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution. The University welcomes applications without regard to age, race, gender (including pregnancy), national origin, disability, religion, marital or parental status, protected veteran status, military service, genetic information, sexual orientation, or gender identity. The College of Engineering is responsive to the needs of dual career couples. Persons must have proof of legal authority to work in the United States on the first day of employment. All applicant information is subject to public disclosure under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.