The University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) and College of Pharmacy (COP) invite applications and nominations for the position of Director, University of Illinois Collaborative Engagement in Novel Therapeutic Research and Enterprise (UICentre), i.e., UIC’s Drug Discovery and Development Center. UICentre (https://centre.pharmacy.uic.edu/) is a campus-wide drug discovery center that facilitates translational drug discovery by leveraging resources and expertise and by promoting collaborations of scientists and clinicians. The center provides consulting and research services that include target validation, bioassay development, high-throughput screening, medicinal chemistry, and pre-clinical drug metabolism and pharmacokinetic studies. UIC has a strong track record in entrepreneurship and drug discovery: UIC scientists invented Prezista™, Phexxi™, Shingrix™, and TICE-BCG™, making UIC a top university for translational drug discovery. See: https://issuu.com/uicpharmacy/docs/p2101109_cop_pharmacist_sum_q3_5d/s/12620013 for more information.

We seek an individual to lead and strategically grow UICentre. The Director will bring together collaborators from colleges and administrative units on campus, across the University of Illinois System, and from outside organizations, including pharmaceutical companies, other research entities and biomedical groups focused on drug discovery innovation in the greater Chicago area and Midwest.

The Director will also help plan and operationalize a 189,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art research building that will fundamentally change the ecosystem at UIC for drug discovery and cancer research (https://ddip.pharmacy.uic.edu/). The successful candidate will also join the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences in the COP (https://psci.pharmacy.uic.edu/) as a full-time faculty member at the associate or full professor level, and contribute to its mission of teaching, research, service, and entrepreneurship. Appointments in other colleges/units on campus are also encouraged.

The individual should have their own research program in drug discovery, preferably with expertise in medicinal chemistry, in vivo pharmacology, drug metabolism/pharmacokinetics, or a related field.

Applicants must possess a PhD or equivalent degree in the biomedical sciences and be eligible for appointment at the rank of tenured Associate or Full Professor.

We welcome applications from nationally/internationally recognized candidates with effective leadership abilities, excellent interpersonal skills, and a strong record of scholarship, external funding, teaching, and service.

Demonstrated experience in design and direct supervision of multidisciplinary research required. Preference will be given to candidates with 10+ years biomedical research experience in drug discovery, development and commercialization and experience involving intellectual property and translational research methods.

Five plus years of management experience and a record of successful collaborations within departments and across colleges within an academic institution is also preferred.

Individuals with academic or pharmaceutical industry drug discovery experience will be considered. The successful candidate must be committed to fostering an inclusive environment and to the recruitment and retention of a diverse faculty and staff. For fullest consideration interested candidates must apply through the University’s online application system and include a cover letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the contact information for three references. The cover letter should contain a brief description of the applicant’s experience and research program, success in leadership in drug discovery, and motivation for applying. The application should be submitted through: https://jobs.uic.edu/default.cfm?page=job&jobID=149546. Review of applications will begin immediately.
The search will remain open until the position is filled. For fullest consideration, completed applications should be submitted by October 15, 2021.

The University of Illinois Chicago is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, protected veteran status, or status as an individual with a disability.

Offers of employment by the University of Illinois may be subject to approval by the University’s Board of Trustees and are made contingent upon the candidate’s successful completion of any criminal background checks and other pre-employment assessments that may be required for the position being offered.

Additional information regarding such pre-employment checks and assessments may be provided as applicable during the hiring process.

The University of Illinois System requires candidates selected for hire to disclose any documented finding of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment and to authorize inquiries to current and former employers regarding findings of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment. For more information, please visit https://www.hr.uillinois.edu/cms/One.aspx?portalId=4292&pageId=1411899