

Announcement



Executive Director

The University of Tennessee seeks internal applications and nominations for the position of Executive Director of the University of Tennessee Space Institute. The University of Tennessee Space Institute (UTSI) is a graduate education and research center located in Tullahoma, Tennessee, adjacent to the U. S. Air Force Arnold Engineering Development Center. The individual serves as the director of UTSI graduate academic and research programs and is responsible for executive management of the UTSI campus and its programs. The Executive Director reports to the Chancellor of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The University of Tennessee Space Institute has major research and graduate programs in aerospace and mechanical engineering, including propulsion; materials science, including laser applications; physics; atmospheric/environmental airborne science; and engineering management. The Director will provide visionary leadership in the development and substantial growth of these current areas of expertise and potentially new areas, such as alternative energy and systems engineering. In addition, the Director will provide leadership and direction for the Institute's graduate and certificate programs that serve employees of the nearby Arnold Engineering Development Center and part-time students throughout North America. The Director is expected to be actively engaged with community, state and national leaders, executives of partner agencies and organizations, the UTSI Support Council, alumni, donors and other constituents of the Institute.

The successful candidate must have the following: a doctoral degree appropriate for his/her discipline, a record of accomplished scholarship and funded research equivalent to that of a full professor, the capacity to inspire faculty and staff and to drive institutional excellence academically, administratively and financially, experience in developing and managing multi-disciplinary research programs, a commitment to quality and integrity, strong skills in communications and interpersonal relations, and experience in management and leadership in a department or institution that highly values graduate-level research and teaching. The University of Tennessee is seeking candidates who have the ability to contribute in meaningful ways to the diversity and intercultural goals of the University. The successful candidate must be committed and knowledgeable of affirmative action and EEO requirements. It is desirable for the candidate to have experience with federal agencies, especially the Department of Defense, Department of Energy, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, with aerospace agencies and firms, and with applied research and testing for both public and private sectors.

The Search Committee will begin reviewing completed applications on October 19, 2009. To be considered, submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and names of at least three references (include their postal or e-mail address). Those wishing to nominate candidates should submit contact information for each nominee and a brief description of each nominee's qualifications. Send applications or nominations electronically to: Jerri DAoust, College of Engineering, 124 Perkins Hall, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN 37996-2000 or e-mail to jdaoust@utk.edu.

The University of Tennessee Space Institute (UTSI) does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, disability or veteran status in provision of educational programs and services or employment opportunities and benefits. This policy extends to both employment by and admission to the University.

The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, or disability in its education programs and activities pursuant to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

Inquiries and charges of violation concerning Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, ADA or the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) or any of the other above referenced policies should be directed to the UTSI Affirmative Action Office, 411 B. H. Goethert Parkway, MS-11, Tullahoma, TN 37388-9700, telephone (931) 393-7226 (V/TTY available). Requests for accommodation of a disability should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at the UTSI Office of Human Resources, 411 B. H. Goethert Parkway, MS-11, Tullahoma, TN 37388-9700.