

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The University of Kansas School of Medicine is seeking an academic physician of unique vision, enthusiasm, and experience for the position of Chair, Department of General Surgery. The Chair will provide visionary leadership to develop and strengthen the department and oversees departmental operations, faculty and resources. The chair develops and maintains collaborative and dynamic partnerships with leaders of other clinical departments and units across the medical center and health system.

The chair is accountable for ensuring the department fulfills its education, research and clinical commitments to the organization while advancing towards the KU Medical Center's vision to improve the lives and communities in Kansas and beyond through partnership and innovation in education, research and health care.

The chair also serves as the clinical service chief in The University of Kansas Health System, which is comprised of the University of Kansas Hospital Authority and The University of Kansas Physicians.

IDEAL EXPERIENCE

Successful administrative experience as a leader at an academic institution

Experience as a Division Director, Vice Chair or Chair of Surgery, developing academic leaders and mentoring junior faculty while identifying and recruiting students, trainees, staff, and faculty. Knowledge of the complex financial pressures facing academic medical centers and health care delivery organizations. Experience with enhancing clinical quality/outcomes and in value-based care.

National reputation for personal academic accomplishments

A record of scholarly academic accomplishments as reflected in number and impact of publications, history of successful research funding, and serving in national and international societies. Proven experience building a research program within a department of surgery.

Growing clinical programs

Proven track record of leading a large, successful clinical program in an academic environment. Must be capable of defining both the clinical and the academic vision of the Department and provide experience in mentorship across all missions.

M.D./D.O. degree and board certification in General Surgery

Licensed or eligible for medical licensing in Kansas.

THE SEARCH PROCESS

The executive search firm Spencer Stuart has been retained to assist in this recruitment. Inquiries, nominations, and applications are invited and should be submitted to Ashton Lange at aslange@spencerstuart.com. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled, although indication of interest is encouraged by August 4, 2025 for full consideration.