

Search for the Associate Dean, Clinical Affairs  
Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry  
University of Southern California  
Los Angeles, California

The Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry (Ostrow) at the University of Southern California (USC) invites applications and nominations for the position of Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs (ADCA). This leadership role offers a unique opportunity to join a top-tier dental school renowned for its innovative dental education, groundbreaking research, and expansive clinical programs. The Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry is consistently ranked among the nation's best for research funding, according to the Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research, and boasts one of the largest clinical footprints of any U.S. dental school—providing an unparalleled learning experience for its students.

At a time when dentistry is increasingly integrated with general health, precision medicine, advanced technologies, materials science, and stem cell biology, Ostrow is at the forefront of this transformative era in oral health education and practice. USC's commitment to doubling its research enterprise and expanding its health system makes this an exciting moment to shape clinical education and practice at a school recognized for research excellence and impactful patient care.

Founded in 1897 as USC's College of Dentistry and renamed in 2010 following a transformative \$35 million gift from alumnus Herman Ostrow, the school has educated over 14,000 health professionals, including prominent leaders in dental education, research, and clinical practice. Each year, more than 70,000 patients receive care through Ostrow's on-campus dental clinics and its community-based programs serving underserved areas throughout Southern California.

Reporting to <https://www.usc.edu/profile/yang-chai/>, interim Dean of Ostrow, and working closely with leaders across USC's clinical enterprise, the Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs will oversee the operational aspects of doctoral and postdoctoral programs and the management of clinical programs and practices. The ADCA will drive improvements in quality, efficiency, and revenue growth while ensuring outstanding educational and patient care experiences.

The successful candidate will be a visionary leader with the strategic acumen, creativity, and collaborative mindset necessary to inspire confidence and innovation across a complex, matrixed environment. The ADCA must demonstrate a proven ability to integrate clinical education and practice at a top dental school and lead through influence, problem-solving, and collaboration to advance the mission of Ostrow and USC's broader health system.

The anticipated salary range for this role is \$300,000–\$350,000 annually, commensurate with experience and qualifications. Relocation assistance is available. USC provides an exceptional academic environment and a comprehensive benefits package, including medical, dental, vision, retirement plans, and paid time off.

Screening of complete applications will begin immediately and continue until the completion of the search process. Inquiries, nominations, referrals, as well as application packets (CV and cover letter) should be sent via the Isaacson, Miller website for the search:

<https://apptrkr.com/5881866>

Electronic submission of materials is required.

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<https://www.imsearch.com>

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