

Seeking applications and nominations for **DEPARTMENT CHAIR - SURGERY**
Western Michigan University Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine
Work with a new medical school, award-winning teaching hospitals

Merritt Hawkins has partnered with Western Michigan University and the newly-opened Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine (WMed), one of the few U.S. medical schools in several decades to be built from the ground up. We are seeking an exceptional leader to serve as the Department Chair of Surgery, and build the department as a central component of a world-class institution for teaching, research, and clinical care.

WMed, established in 2012, is a private nonprofit medical school located in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and is a collaboration between Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo's two award-winning teaching hospitals, Borgess Health and Bronson Healthcare. The inaugural class of 54 students started in August 2014. WMed is supported by private gifts, clinical revenue, research activity, student tuition, and endowment income. In March 2011, Western Michigan University received a gift of \$100 million for the medical school from the Stryker family. There is an established Center for Clinical Research which allows opportunities and resources for developing clinical research programs. There is also a brand new state-of-the-art Simulation Center to promote SBL curriculum with eight simulation rooms, procedure labs, task trainer rooms, 12 standardized patient exam rooms, and six classrooms.

The Chair will provide academic leadership for a faculty of more than 70 physicians in the department of Surgery, including several faculty employed or contracted by the medical school who report directly to the Chair, and expand and build collaborative relationships and grow innovative programs, particularly in subspecialty areas. The successful Department Chair candidate will have a substantial record of leadership and achievements in academic medicine, education, and research; possess an MD or MD/PhD; be board certified in General Surgery as well as have additional certifications from the American Board of Medical Specialties for applicable subspecialty training; be qualified for appointment at the rank of associate professor or full professor; and be eligible for a license in the state of Michigan.

Kalamazoo, MI: A Perfect Combination of Big City Energy and Small Town Feel

Known for its community focus and emphasis on access to quality education at all levels, this metro area of over 325,000 people has something to offer everyone! Monthly art hops, one-of-a-kind restaurants, weekly festivals, craft breweries and wineries give this college town an exciting energy. Historic architecture juxtaposed with modern concepts preserve charm and authenticity while fostering innovation. Strong public school systems and a variety of private school options are available; a nationally renowned program is available in which graduates of public schools receive free tuition to attend public and private colleges in the state. The city is conveniently located in close proximity to the gorgeous beaches of Lake Michigan, multiple ski resorts, and a quick train ride away from multiple major metropolitans.

Interested candidates should provide a curriculum vitae and a letter of interest that describes relevant clinical strengths, as well as their educational, teaching, research and leadership background. Candidates are requested to also provide the names and contact information for three to five references. The references will not be contacted without the prior approval of the candidate. This information should be submitted to: Jay.Torio@merrithawkins.com