



Bloomberg Centennial Department Chair, Environmental Health and Engineering
The Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Whiting School of Engineering
Johns Hopkins University

The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Whiting School of Engineering invite applications for Bloomberg Centennial Chair of the [Department of Environmental Health and Engineering](#). The successful applicant will have an outstanding record of academic and research accomplishments, demonstrated leadership and administrative abilities, an understanding of the current landscape and future directions of environmental health and environmental engineering, a strong equity lens, and a compelling vision for the Department.

The Department of Environmental Health and Engineering (EHE)

EHE strives to utilize fundamental science conducted at the interface of environmental health sciences and engineering to protect the health of the environment and people. Jointly housed in the Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Whiting School of Engineering, EHE advances its mission to improve the health of the Earth and its inhabitants through pioneering interdisciplinary research and the training of the next generation of scholars. The department supports a diverse and inclusive community drawn from across the globe and provides unparalleled training in the competencies, practice, and translation of the integration of engineering and public health.

The dual positioning of EHE in both Public Health and Engineering creates exceptional opportunities for [research and practice](#) and [graduate](#) and [undergraduate](#) education that span the natural, physical, and social sciences, rely on science and computational methodologies, and include both lab and field research. Interdisciplinary research in areas include health security, climate change, sustainability, energy conservation, environmental epidemiology, environmental and occupational health, toxicology, and risk assessment for susceptibility to environmental diseases. EHE's [centers and institutes](#) catalyze innovative work at the intersections of these areas, bringing together faculty and students from across the department, the two schools, and other divisions of the university to advance knowledge and practice.

EHE comprises 112 full-time faculty, 34 postdoctoral fellows, and 44 full-time staff members, and offers nine educational tracks for 75 doctoral, 104 master's, and 40 undergraduate students. The Department is one of 10 academic departments at the Bloomberg School and one of nine departments in the Whiting School of Engineering. Research collaborations occur within the EHE

faculty regardless of appointment home, with other Bloomberg and Whiting departments, and with other Hopkins schools.

Qualifications

Bloomberg and Whiting leadership and EHE faculty seek a department chair who will invest time, energy, and capital to build the department while also remaining research-active. EHE's new Chair will bring recognized stature in their field(s) and a national or international reputation for research and education. They will have the capacity for vision and leadership to advance EHE's distinctive approach to its field and to continue to position it as a center of innovation in teaching, research, and translation. They will also have the relationship and communication skills to inspire faculty, staff, and students and to lead within the department's practices of shared governance.

EHE is a young department and continues to develop administrative resources and policy that enable it to operate efficiently in two schools. Successful applicants will therefore have demonstrated success and interest in administration. The department Chair will champion the needs of the department within the Bloomberg and Whiting Schools. In addition, they will be an effective mentor to early career faculty and will promote the interests of the entire department in a dynamic, empathetic, and strategic way.

Candidates will possess an earned doctorate in a field represented in EHE and a scholarly record that qualifies them for appointment as a tenured full professor at The Johns Hopkins University.

Qualified candidates for the Bloomberg Centennial Department Chair position will be able to articulate and document their commitment to and advancement of [institutional goals in diversity, equity, and inclusion](#).

Successful experience generating funding from beyond the major federal agencies is preferred but not required.

Appointment terms and search timeline

The Deans of the Bloomberg and Whiting Schools have formed a search committee to facilitate the early stages of the selection process. Professor Keshia Pollack Porter leads the committee. The search committee will begin to review applications on February 17, 2025. The search process will continue until the deans can appoint an exceptional candidate to a five-year term, which is renewable upon mutual agreement and successful periodic review. The appointee holds the Centennial Professorship during their service as department Chair.

EHE faculty have their primary appointment in either BSPH or Whiting and may teach in degree programs anchored in one school or the other. The annual compensation range for the role is \$350K-\$430K (12-month equivalent salary).

The University has engaged Opus Partners (www.opuspartners.net) to support the recruitment of the EHE Department Chair. Craig Smith, Senior Partner, and Jeffrey Stafford, Senior Associate, are leading the search. To apply for the role, learn more about the opportunity, or provide a nomination, please contact Jeffrey Stafford (Jeffrey.stafford@opuspartners.net). To apply, candidates should provide the following:

- An updated curriculum vitae
- A cover letter addressed to Professor Keshia Pollack Porter, Search Committee Chair
- The names, titles, institutional affiliations, and email addresses of three references who will be contacted only when the search enters the on-campus short-list stage

The cover letter should thoughtfully address why candidates are attracted to this position, what attributes and experiences make them a competitive candidate, and how their past record, current actions, and future plans will contribute to the impact of the department as well as to the mission and values of the Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Whiting School of Engineering. Both schools embrace scholarship, critical thinking, innovation and scientific rigor and cultivate a diverse, inclusive, and nurturing environment for all students, faculty, and staff.

Equal Opportunity Employer

The Johns Hopkins University is committed to equal opportunity for its faculty, staff, and students. To that end, the university does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, marital status, pregnancy, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status or other legally protected characteristic. The university is committed to providing qualified individuals access to all academic and employment programs, benefits and activities on the basis of demonstrated ability, performance and merit without regard to personal factors that are irrelevant to the program involved.

Background Checks, References, and Tenure

The successful candidate for the EHE Chair position should expect to provide a full list of professional references and will be subject to pre-employment education and employment verifications. In addition, appointment to the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University is contingent upon a criminal background check and a [separate review](#) that looks back a period of seven years of professional conduct.