



## **Wadhwani Endowed Chair in Clinical and Translational Research**

The University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) and Sanford Health-Fargo together wish to announce the opening of a search for the Wadhwani Endowed Chair in Clinical and Translational Research. UND SMHS and Sanford have a long-standing collaborative relationship focusing on education and training in various healthcare disciplines, along with collaborative research programs focused on a wide range of health-related topics. This is an exciting opportunity for an experienced leader seeking to be a part of a growing academic enterprise on the Northern Plains that is focused on discovery, learning, and engagement. The Wadhwani Chair in Clinical and Translational Research will have a critical role in leading and enhancing the clinical and translational research activities of the UND SMHS and Sanford Health-Fargo. The Chair will be responsible for developing the infrastructure necessary for these clinical and translational research activities to expand and prosper. In addition, the Chair will:

- Provide leadership and strategic collaboration on the clinical and translational research efforts across the UND SMHS and Sanford Health-Fargo
- Work collaboratively with the dean, chairs, and faculty members in the UND SMHS, including clinical faculty members at Sanford Health-Fargo, and other senior Sanford leadership to increase and support clinical trials and translational research.
- Serve as an important spokesperson for the clinical and translational research activities at UND SMHS and Sanford Health-Fargo on the local, regional, and national level.
- Facilitate collaborations between UND SMHS faculty (full-time and clinical) and other academic and community partners.
- Coordinate with the UND Associate Vice President for Health Research and the UND SMHS Associate Dean for Research to manage the SMHS's clinical and translational research enterprise.
- Support educational programs in clinical and translational research at UND SMHS and Sanford-Fargo.
- Develop and connect faculty members with mentors and collaborators engaging in clinical and translational research.
- Be actively involved in clinical and translational research projects and publish the results of such research in high-impact journals.

This position reports to the UND SMHS Associate Dean for Research, the Department Chair in the Endowed Chair's academic department, and Vice President of Clinics at Sanford Health-Fargo. This position will be placed within the appropriate academic department at the SMHS to be determined depending upon the qualified applicant's credentials and interests. This position is a 12-month tenured appointment with the UND SMHS. The awarding of tenure requires the approval of the President of the UND as well as the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education.

### **Minimum Requirements:**

- MD/DO degree
- Board certified in chosen medical specialty with recent clinical experience
- Eligible for North Dakota medical licensure
- The ability to be clinically active

- Strong track record of research funding, publications, and national and international recognition for successful efforts to develop, facilitate, and streamline clinical and translational research initiatives
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of clinical and translational research
- Demonstrated leadership in team science
- Experience in leading a collaborative research center, program, or project
- Demonstrated experience leading a multi-disciplinary team
- Successful completion of a criminal history records check

#### **Preferred Requirements:**

- Excellent interpersonal skills with an ability to develop strong partnerships with both internal and external stakeholders and partners, including those in the private sector
- Excellent communication and leadership skills
- Experience with diverse sources of funding
- Experience leading clinical trials
- Eligibility for federal funding
- Experience with community engagement

#### **To Apply:**

All applications nominations, and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, a CV/resume and a letter of interest outlining prior experience in clinical and/or translational research, leadership, and community engagement. Review of applications has begun and will continue until the position is filled. Please direct all applications, nominations, and inquiries to the WittKieffer consultants Kerry Quealy, Megan Welch and Cody Burke, preferably via e-mail, to [UNDResearchChair@wittkieffer.com](mailto:UNDResearchChair@wittkieffer.com).

#### **About the Institutions**

##### University of North Dakota (UND):

Founded in 1883, six years before the state itself was established, UND gave North Dakota its name when the former Dakota Territory separated into two distinct states. Today, UND is a busy 521-acre campus with more than 13,600 students and 2,350 dedicated faculty members and staff. A leading economic driver in the state, the University offers high-quality education in more than 225 academic fields across nine different colleges. It nurtures and supports a strong core of liberal arts and sciences and has developed special missions in life sciences, fine arts, aerospace, unmanned flight operations, engineering, and energy disciplines. UND focuses on creating world-class academic programs responsive to the needs of not only the state and its residents but also the nation and the world. Our students come from all 50 states and 94 countries. The University's far-reaching UND LEADS Strategic Plan touches all corners of the University: high-impact learning, research, enrollment, online education, creation of 21st century programs, alumni relations and more.

##### Sanford Health:

Rooted in the upper Midwest with corporate headquarters in Sioux, South Dakota, Sanford Health has quickly grown to become the largest rural healthcare system in the United States. With its vast geography, cutting-edge medicine, sophisticated research, advanced education, and its own health plan, Sanford Health is unique – proudly providing close-to-home care with the ability to impact the world. Sanford's major presence resides in Sioux Falls, SD, Fargo, ND, Bismarck, ND, and Bemidji, MN, as well as surrounding rural communities.

Since 2009 through a merger of then-MeritCare with Sanford Health, Sanford Health-Fargo has increased access to state-of-the-art quality care for patients across the state of North Dakota and upper Midwest. As a result, Sanford-Fargo has become an emerging quaternary care center, the region's leading healthcare

provider, and North Dakota's largest employer, home to over 10,200 employees. Sanford-Fargo serves two major geographical areas, the Fargo/Moorhead metro area and its surrounding rural communities, formally referred to as the North Network. Within the metro area, Sanford-Fargo has several primary care and specialty clinics and three acute care campuses. When combined, these facilities house 764 beds, including North Dakota's only Level I adult trauma and Level II pediatric trauma center built in 2017.

Here are some of the ways Sanford-Fargo differentiates from other healthcare organizations in the region:

- Only Level I Adult and Level II Pediatric Trauma Centers in North Dakota
- Only Joint Commission-approved Advanced Comprehensive Stroke Center in North Dakota
- Only blood and bone marrow transplant program in North Dakota and the upper Midwest
- Sanford Medical Center-Fargo named best hospital in North Dakota by U.S. News for three consecutive years (2021, 2022, 2023)
- Major teaching institution for the University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences
- Primary clinical site for 10 UND-sponsored residency and fellowship programs, with more under development
- Only children's hospital and Children's Miracle Network Hospital in the state of North Dakota

To learn more about the organization, visit [sanfordhealth.org](https://sanfordhealth.org).

### **Life in Grand Forks**

Grand Forks, its sister city of East Grand Forks, MN, and nearby Grand Forks Air Force Base make up the Greater Grand Forks area. Many cite the people as their favorite thing about this college town of more than 65,000, but there's plenty to see and do. It's a safe and friendly community that's as passionate about UND as its students are.

With grassland prairies to the west and Minnesota lakes and forests to the east, Grand Forks has been ranked as one of the most livable cities in the country. Short commutes, a great public school system, low crime, ample parks and theaters, and a cost of living below that found in large American cities are some of Grand Forks' advantages. Grand Forks consistently ranks high in comparative surveys for business, education, quality of life and community safety, making it an excellent choice for families and professionals alike.

- No. 1 Place to Live in North Dakota — Money
- Top 5 Best Small College Towns — USA Today
- Best College Town in North Dakota — Far & Wide
- Top 25 Most Exciting Small Cities in America — Business Insider and Movoto Real Estate
- Top 10 Biking City — People for Bikes
- Top 100 of America's Best Small Cities — CNNMoney
- America's Best Hockey Town — SmartAsset (five years in a row)

To find out why living and working in Greater Grand Forks is way cooler, check out [www.GrandForksisCooler.com](https://www.GrandForksisCooler.com)

### **Life in Fargo**

Located on the eastern edge of North Dakota, bordering the state of Minnesota, Fargo thrives as a city with strong Midwestern values. The surrounding metro, referred to as the Fargo-Moorhead (F-M) area, spans both states and has helped Fargo grow into the diverse, family-oriented community it is today.

Despite being North Dakota's largest city, Fargo maintains a small-town feel everywhere you go, allowing residents and visitors to experience unique urban offerings with a tight-knit community atmosphere. Surrounded by beautiful landscapes, Fargo balances quality of life and affordable living with a safe, picturesque environment. There is plenty to do in Fargo beyond enjoying the scenery – stop by the Red River Market to support local businesses, enjoy an exceptional meal and shop along Broadway, tailgate at D1 North Dakota State University football games, or catch your favorite band at the Fargodome. Truly, there is something for everyone to enjoy here.

With a variety of schools and universities, a vibrant business community, and a robust downtown, it is no surprise that Fargo is North Dakota's largest city and has garnered national recognition for its livability.

- Top Place to Live Post-Pandemic – Business Insider
- 10 Hottest Job Markets – ZipRecruiter
- Top 100 Places to Live – Livability (three years in a row)
- Nation's 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Recession-Proof City – Livability
- 6<sup>th</sup> Happiest City in the U.S. – WalletHub

To learn more about the Fargo metro area, check out <https://www.fargomoorhead.org/>

To learn more about living in Fargo, check out <https://liveinfmarea.com/>

### **Additional Information**

All information listed in this position announcement will be used by Human Resources, the Hiring Department, and EO/Title IX for screening, interviewing and selection purposes.

### **Veteran's Preference**

Veterans claiming preference must submit all proof of eligibility by the closing date. Proof of eligibility includes a DD-214 or a copy of NGB 22 from National Guard or Reserve (with a unit located in ND) or certification from the applicant's unit command that the individual is expected to be discharged or released from active duty in the uniformed services under other than dishonorable conditions not later than one hundred twenty days after the date of the submission of the certification. If claiming disabled veteran status, proof of eligibility includes a DD-214 and a current letter of disability dated within the past year.

### **Confidentiality of Application Materials**

Pursuant to NDCC 44-04-18.27, applications and any records related to the applications that identify an applicant are confidential, except records related to the finalists of the position, which are open to the public after the search committee has identified the top three or more finalists who will be invited to campus.

### **EEO Statement**

The University of North Dakota is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or other protected characteristic. Women, minorities, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and members of other underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply. Applicants are invited to provide information regarding their gender, race and/or ethnicity, veteran's status and disability status as part of the application process. This information will remain confidential and separate from your application.

### **Clery Statement**

In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, the University of North Dakota publishes an Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. The report includes the

university's policies, procedures, and programs concerning safety and security, as well as three years of crime statistics for our campus. As a prospective employee, you are entitled to a copy of this report. The report and statistical data can be found online at [UND.edu](http://UND.edu). You may also request a paper copy of the report from the UND Police Department located at 3851 Campus Road, Grand Forks, ND, 58202.