Chair, Department of Preventive Medicine

The Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California invites applications and nominations for the position of Chair, Department of Preventive Medicine.

The Department of Preventive Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine is a nationally ranked and robust enterprise recognized for excellence in major research initiatives including multi-ethnic cancer studies, air pollution chronic effects, genetic epidemiology, environmental health, research methods development and addiction research, to name a few. The Department is ranked 2nd in funding from the National Institutes of Health for Departments of Preventive Medicine and 9th as compared to US Schools of Public Health. With six collaborative divisions, over 100 faculty that are considered national and international leaders in their fields and approximately 1,000 students, the Department presents an outstanding opportunity for the next Chair. A national search is underway.

The new Chair will build on the existing strengths of the Department while expanding research areas such as public health policy, environmental exposure impacts, cancer epidemiology, health service research, implementation science, bioinformatics and violence and injury prevention. The new chair will also have the opportunity to build on (and expand) existing strengths to position the department as a leader in generation of big data and handling them through the emerging field of health data science. Building collaborative efforts with the clinical arms of the School and with other units working in health-related areas such as the School of Dentistry, School of Pharmacy, and the Divisions of Occupational & Physical Therapy, are also priorities for the new Chair. The new Chair will be expected to raise the visibility of the department, be an advocate for the faculty, and work with the School of Medicine leadership on the future strategic vision for the Department. She/he will work to create a stronger collective culture within the Department, bringing together the multidisciplinary people and programs with a shared vision and purpose, and thereby enhancing faculty engagement.

The successful candidate will be highly collaborative and demonstrate a passion for the research and educational missions of the Department of Preventive Medicine. The new Chair will possess significant experience leading and managing an academic unit in a complex environment. She/he will demonstrate the interpersonal skills that will assure successful relationship building with leadership, as well as the faculty and staff of the Department and other units. The Chair will be a transparent, accessible and transformative leader with demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with the various external and internal stakeholders.

The Academic Health Center Practice of Korn Ferry is assisting the Keck School of Medicine of USC with this important search. Please forward, as soon as possible, your application, including letter of interest, or nominations of appropriate candidates to:

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