Chair, Department of Family and Community Medicine

Western Michigan University Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine (WMed)

Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine (WMed) is seeking an exceptional leader to serve as the Chair for the Department of Family and Community Medicine. The Chair will report directly to the Dean of the School of Medicine and is responsible for a Department that consists of approximately 60 community-based and 13 full-time academic employed faculty members, an ACGME accredited residency program that is 8X8X8 and a fellowship program in Sports Medicine.

The successful Department Chair candidate will have a substantial record of leadership and achievements in academic medicine and education; possess an MD or MD/PhD; be board certified in Family Medicine; be qualified for appointment at the rank of associate professor or full professor; and be eligible for a license in the state of Michigan.

As one of the newer US medical schools, WMed is an exciting environment to pursue an academic career. The medical school is a collaboration of Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo’s two teaching hospitals, Borgess Health and Bronson Healthcare. The medical school is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation supported by private gifts, clinical revenues, research activities, tuition, and endowment income. WMed is fully accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) and also by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The inaugural medical student class graduated in 2018 after completing an innovative, patient-centered four-year curriculum that prepares them to be exceptional clinicians, leaders, educators, advocates, and researchers of tomorrow. There are more than 200 residents and fellows in ten residencies and three fellowships accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). WMed has Joint Accreditation for inter-professional continuing education, which incorporates accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). The School of Medicine Clinics are housed in a modern 60,000 square foot clinical building on the Oakland Drive Campus and are accredited by The Joint Commission with recognition by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Patient-Centered Medical Home. The 350,000 square foot educational building on the W.E. Upjohn M.D. Campus located in downtown Kalamazoo underwent a $78 million renovation and expansion project including two laboratory research floors and a state-of-the-art Simulation Center that is accredited by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare. The Innovation Center on the Parkview Campus is a life science, technology, and engineering incubator serving the earliest startups to maturing companies with laboratory, office and conference space, access to core scientific equipment and expertise, and a wide range of support services.

Kalamazoo is a wonderful and vibrant city, located midway between Chicago and Detroit. It is a short distance from Lake Michigan, and home to two nationally ranked institutions of higher learning, Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College. Kalamazoo is known for its community focus and emphasis on access to quality education at all levels. The Kalamazoo
Promise is a nationally renowned program in which graduates of Kalamazoo Public Schools receive free tuition to attend public and private colleges in Michigan. Kalamazoo and Michigan provide extensive entertainment and recreational activities, including opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, unique restaurants and shops, and a strong culture supporting the arts.

Interested applicants should send their curriculum vita to jay.torio@merritthawkins.com. Questions and inquiries can be directed to Jay Torio, Senior Director of Academic Recruiting at Merritt Hawkins at (469)524-1689. All applications will be handled in a security sensitive and confidential manner.