

DEPARTMENT CHAIR POSITION
Electrical Engineering
University of South Florida

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Department Chair of Electrical Engineering. The department is one of six departments in the College of Engineering. With over 20 million dollars/year in sponsored research, the College of Engineering plays a prominent role in the University of South Florida's strong research profile. Located in the vibrant Tampa Bay area, the University of South Florida is among the nation's top 63 public research universities, is one of 39 community engaged public universities as designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, and placed among the nation's top 20 "up and coming universities" in the 2009 U.S. News & World Report annual college rankings. The University was awarded \$366 million in research contracts and grants last year. The university offers 219 degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, specialist and doctoral levels, including the MD degree. The university has a \$1.8 billion annual budget, an annual economic impact of \$3.2 billion, and serves more than 45,000 students on campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee and Lakeland. USF is a member of the Big East Athletic Conference.

The department has 24 full-time faculty members and offers B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Electrical Engineering and the Ph.D. degree in Engineering Science. The faculty teach and advise approximately 250 undergraduate students, 200 master students and 50 doctoral students. Areas of specialization within the department include Wireless and Microwaves, Micro- and Nano-electronics, Communications and Signal Processing, Energy, Power, Electronics and Controls. The department has strong collaborations with the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, and many of its faculty are active in thrust areas such as nanotechnology, MEMS, bioengineering, and Energy through centers such as the Nanomaterials and Nanomanufacturing Research Center and the Clean Energy Research Center.

Preferred candidates should possess exceptional communication and interpersonal skills and be able to lead the department in developing and implementing a compelling vision for its research, education and service programs. Key responsibilities will include strategic planning, development of emerging areas of expertise, coordination of interdisciplinary activities, and assistance with securing funding for fellowships, scholarships, endowed chairs and center/focus area initiatives and commitment to diversity in faculty and staff hiring.

Candidates must possess a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering or a closely related field and qualify as a full professor in the department. As a Professor of Electrical Engineering, the successful candidate must demonstrate a strong commitment to excellence in undergraduate and graduate education, be able to teach and advise students at both levels, and maintain an active and productive research program in the field as evidenced by an outstanding, internationally recognized record of scholarship and a proven record of external support.

The preferred start date for this position is August 2009. Applicants should mail a hardcopy packet containing a cover letter, complete vitae, names and addresses of at least four references, and a statement of educational and research philosophy that includes the candidate's vision for the future of Electrical Engineering. Nominations of candidates will also be gladly accepted.

The search and selection process will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine" laws of the State of Florida. Meetings of the search committee are open to the public and all documents related to the search will be available for public inspection. Applicants who need a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the selection process should notify the search committee chair. Screening of applicants will begin November 21, 2008 and will continue until the position is filled. Applications and nominations are to be submitted by mail to:

Chair, EE Chair Search Committee
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