The Dell Medical School of The University of Texas at Austin is seeking an exceptional leader to serve as the inaugural Associate Chair of Investigation and Discovery of the Department of Women’s Health. A rare opportunity awaits a candidate with a desire to lead the development of the strategic priorities of the research enterprise within the Department of Women’s Health. With an integrated administrative infrastructure, the Department is organized to support meaningful collaboration across subspecialties in research and academia with a bent toward product and process commercialization. Additionally, The University of Texas at Austin provides a rich opportunity for cross disciplinary collaboration with over $330 million in federal research funding.

The Dell Medical School is on track to accept its first class of 50 students in 2016, with the explicit aim of creating a vital, inclusive health ecosystem. As part of The University of Texas at Austin, one of the nation’s leading research universities, the Dell Medical School will pursue innovation in the redesign of healthcare delivery, excellence in healthcare research, and programs in interdisciplinary and inter-professional education. It will be the fifth medical school in the UT System and the first medical school established in nearly five decades by a member of the Association of American Universities, an organization of leading public and private research universities. An extraordinary commitment of resources, both public and private, has already been made to enable the development and success of the Dell Medical School. The School is partnering closely with the community and regional healthcare providers and payers to provide new models for health promotion, healthcare delivery, and clinical care for the community’s underserved population.

The Associate Chair of Investigation and Discovery will be an integral part of building the department into a nationally-recognized center for the research of innovative, value-based care delivery. The position is sub-specialty agnostic, thus open to applicants independent of area of sub-specialization or interest.
Specific job responsibilities will include:

• Crafting a strategic plan for Departmental research based on the clinical priorities of the Department and its affiliates as well as building on the existing areas of strength within the myriad of outstanding programs at UT Austin
• Developing a sustainable research infrastructure for the Department, in conjunction with the Dell Medical School’s Associate Dean for Research
• Creating models for faculty and trainee research support, including training, tools and collaborative platforms
• Identifying and securing funding for Departmental research priorities, including from business, industry, and private and public organizations
• Designing new research methodologies, tools, and approaches that align with new care models and the unique assets of the Austin community
• Developing an advisory development panel to include local and national experts in Women’s Health
• Identifying and facilitating opportunities for broad dissemination of Departmental investigation
• Developing metrics and performance evaluation processes for faculty members’ research contributions
• Collaborating with the Associate Chair of Clinical Integration and Operations and Education to ensure cohesive, mutually reinforcing initiatives
• Representing the Department in key research related decision making bodies within the Dell Medical School and with care partners
• Collaborating with other departmental Associate Chairs of Investigation and Discovery in other Dell Medical School Departments on cross-cutting initiatives
• Identifying opportunities and partners for translating investigational initiatives to innovative advances for privatization and scalability
• Leading the development of an innovative research curriculum in undergraduate and graduate education

Required qualifications:

• Medical degree from an accredited medical school
• Board certification in obstetrics and gynecology
• Eligible for appointment as a tenured associate professor or professor
• Substantial record of leadership and achievement in academic medicine including sustained acquisition and participation in funded work
• Experience in leading large-scale research programs in obstetrics and gynecology

Preferred qualifications:
• Demonstrated track record of innovation in research and integration into clinical practice and product development
• Demonstrated record of facilitating cross-disciplinary connections to advance research priorities

Interested parties please submit letter of interest and updated CV to (website)

For other benefit information please refer to:
https://www.utexas.edu/hr/prospective/benefits.html

If you would be interested in discussing the position personally, please reply to cody.futch@merritthawkins.com with your contact information and two to three options of times he can reach you to discuss the opportunity. After you two speak, he will send you an overview of the position, as well as more information regarding the selection process.