

The University of Mississippi School of Medicine is accepting applications for the Chair of Biochemistry. The new chair will have the vision, energy and experience to meld and nurture the existing resources and talents of the faculty and to help develop, promote and administer a department that is well-positioned to be a national leader in research.

The University of Mississippi Medical Center, located in Jackson, Mississippi, is the state's only academic health science center. UMMC encompasses six health science schools: medicine, nursing, dentistry, health related professions, graduate studies and pharmacy. Enrollment in all programs is more than 3,000 students. The Medical Center's mission is to improve the health and well-being of patients and the community through excellent training for health-care professionals, engagement in innovative research, and the delivery of state-of-the-art health care.

The Department of Biochemistry is dedicated to cutting edge research and education. The atmosphere of the department is highly collegial and collaborative, with sharing of expertise and equipment by colleagues and trainees. All faculty participate in graduate school, medical school, dental school and post-doctoral education. Secondary appointees with primary appointments in other departments and centers also contribute to the teaching and research goals of the department.

The department has diverse research interests in biochemistry, biophysics and molecular and cell biology. Faculty are expected to maintain an independent, externally funded research program. The goals of the department are to make discoveries that provide new knowledge regarding the mechanisms of cellular systems of medical interest, and to provide high quality instruction to medical and graduate students.

UMMC is committed to recruiting leaders who are focused on building for the future and have proven success in the following capacities: business and administrative experience, emotional competence and resilience, effective communication skills, and the ability to evaluate and manage a group of researchers and teachers. Applicants must hold a PhD or MD and have demonstrated the scholarly distinction appropriate for a senior level appointment. He/she must have a well-funded and nationally recognized program of research in the broadly defined area of Biochemistry, Biophysics, Molecular Biology or Cell Biology. Qualified candidates should e-mail their current Curriculum Vitae, along with a cover letter explaining their interest, to Patrick Smith, PhD, Chief Faculty Affairs Officer; posmith@umc.edu. All communications will be considered confidential.

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