The Samuel Ginn College of Engineering at Auburn University invites applications for the position of Associate Dean for Research. This individual will provide leadership and support in engineering research by expanding scientific and engineering knowledge through innovative research and creative partnerships with academia, industry and government engineering research facilities, collaborative opportunities and technology transfer. The Associate Dean will report to the Dean and be responsible for coordination and promotion of the College's research through 8 academic departments, three peaks of excellence and 12 research centers. The Samuel Ginn College of Engineering has 4,968 undergraduate, 463 Masters and 387 PhD students; 177 faculty, 146 which are tenured or tenure-track; and over $60 million in research expenditures ranking in the top 50 for the past 8 years.

Auburn University’s Samuel Ginn College of Engineering is the highest ranked engineering program in Alabama and produces more than one third of the state’s engineering graduates according to the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE). The U.S. News & World Report recently ranked the College 31st among public universities offering doctoral programs, while its graduate programs were ranked 40th among public universities. With a dynamic and innovative research program, as well as 12 undergraduate and 10 graduate degree granting programs, the College is recognized as a significant contributor to the region’s economic development and industrial competitiveness.

Auburn University is one of the nation’s premier land, sea, and space grant institutions. In the 2015 edition of U.S. News and World Report, it was ranked 48th among public universities. Auburn is an institution that is both highly research-active and committed to maintaining teaching excellence, offering Bachelor’s, Master’s, Educational Specialist, and Doctor’s degrees. Its 2015 enrollment of 27,287 students includes 21,786 undergraduates and 5,501 post baccalaureate students. There are 1,192 instructional faculty members distributed across nine Colleges and three Schools with degrees offered in more than 200 academic programs. Auburn University is nationally recognized for its commitment to academic excellence, positive work environment, exciting student life, and the beauty of its campus.

Auburn University is geographically located in a moderate climate with easy access to both beach and mountain recreational facilities and is situated along the rapidly developing I-85 corridor between Atlanta, Georgia and Montgomery, Alabama. The Auburn-Opelika metropolitan statistical area has a population of 140,000, excellent public school systems, a regional medical center and the distinction of being recognized as one of the “best small towns in America”.

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The responsibilities of the position include participation in the leadership of the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering including the College’s strategic planning, budget development and administration. The Associate Dean for Research, in collaboration with the Dean, will implement strategies to promote a vibrant research culture by working through department chairs and center directors to improve each of their team’s contribution to the mission of research and scholarship. The successful candidate will provide leadership to ensure that faculty and staff submit effective research proposals to external sponsors while mentoring, assisting and reviewing proposal development. It is important that one be an advocate for faculty with the Vice President of Research and University Administration. Additionally, the Associate Dean for Research must develop and manage research related policies, serve as the campus liaison for interdisciplinary research and organize initiatives to establish new research clusters, research centers and transdisciplinary research within the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, across campus and into industry. Furthermore, the Associate Dean for Research must maintain a strong acumen regarding the federal strategic policy and funding environment and match the College’s research expertise to take advantage of future funding programs. This would include working collaboratively within the College’s doctoral programs, as well as collaboration across campus and with other universities. The Associate Dean for Research will develop and implement strategies to promote dissemination of the College’s research at local, University and national conferences and meetings.

Consistent with the goals of Auburn University and the Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, applicants must articulate a clear vision and demonstrate the qualities necessary to lead a dynamic faculty and students toward a higher level of excellence in research. The successful candidate must possess proven research leadership, interdisciplinary collaboration experience and administrative ability with the interpersonal skills that would enable one to work with a diverse organization. A demonstrated exceptional research record is necessary with the additional skills of developing and mentoring others to successful research and scholarly activities including working across multiple disciplines, addressing critical issues for the research community and attracting external funding. The Associate Dean for Research must have the scholarship, academic and professional qualifications to be awarded the rank of Full Professor; a strong understanding of Land Grant philosophies would be helpful.

Application packages should include curriculum vitae, a statement of qualifications and vision for leading the college research enterprise. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications.

While applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled, interested parties are highly encouraged to submit their materials to the email address below by February 15, 2016 to ensure optimal consideration. For more details about the College, please see http://eng.auburn.edu/. For additional Auburn University information please see https://auburn.edu/

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The candidate selected for this position must be able to meet eligibility requirements to work in the United States at the time appointment is scheduled to begin and continue working legally for the proposed term of employment.