



**Director,
Government and Economic Development Institute (GEDI)
Non-Tenure Track Faculty**

Auburn University seeks applications for the position of Director of the Government and Economic Development Institute (GEDI). This position reports to the Vice President for University Outreach and Associate Provost. GEDI is a unit within the Division of University Outreach at Auburn University. This is a non-tenure track faculty position.

GEDI's mission is to promote effective government policy and management, civic and community engagement, economic prosperity, and improved quality of life for the State of Alabama and its communities. GEDI provides education, training, and certification programs for civic and elected officials promoting economic development leadership and practice, municipal and county management. GEDI offers technical assistance to municipal and county government, public and non-profit organizations through an array of human resource, strategic planning, and technical consulting services. GEDI produces policy research and scholarly publications on civic engagement, governmental practices, and community economic development strategies.

Job Summary:

The Director works closely with the Vice President for University Outreach, in collaboration with university academic leadership, state and local officials, and other civic and community stakeholders, to effectively oversee the Institute and its organizational resources; to provide excellent and impactful educational programs and technical services to constituents in Alabama and beyond; to contribute to the University outreach mission related to economic and community engagement; build university, institutional and community partnerships; represent the university with economic and community development agencies; collaborate with allied academic programs; and to enhance positively the reputation of GEDI, University Outreach, and Auburn University in scholarly and public settings.

Primary Duties:

- Oversees administration and human resources of GEDI.
- Oversees budgeting and funding development initiatives for extramural and donor/sponsor support.
- Oversees visionary direction and strategic planning of GEDI for the training, human resources consulting, research, and other technical assistance units.
- Engages faculty in training and technical assistance opportunities with stakeholders and unit partners.
- Develops and oversees unit proposals to secure extramural funding.
- Conducts and presents workshops and conferences.
- Represents, communicates, and advances GEDI's programming on and off campus.

Qualifications:

- A Master's degree in political science, public policy, public administration, or similar field of study is required at the time of employment. Doctorate is desired.
- Executive experience leading a public or educational agency, managing an annual budget and staff.
- Understanding of outreach at a comprehensive land grant university.
- Proven skills in public budgeting, finance, policy evaluation, governmental practices.
- Instructional credentials and experience to teach in the political science and public administration curriculum.
- An excellent record of scholarly and policy publication.
- An excellent record of grant proposals and awards, successful program development and oversight, and broad range of community development activities at the community, municipal, county and state levels; national and international government and economic development experience and perspectives desirable.
- Excellent communication/interpersonal skills required.
- 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.

Applications:

Applications should include: (1) letter of interest, (2) Current curriculum vita reflecting specific qualifications related to government and economic development to include experience, scholarship, extramural funding received, and accomplishments, (3) contact information for three references that are knowledgeable of the applicant's outreach background and experience. All applications should be submitted through the online application process at:

<http://aufacultypositions.peopleadmin.com/postings/4243>

Timeline/Availability:

Review of applications will begin September 21, 2020 and continue until a candidate is recommended for appointment. Anticipated start date is on or before January 1, 2020. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

For more information, applicants may email Mrs. Hope Stockton, Search Committee Chair, at stockhg@auburn.edu or visit www.auburn.edu/outreach.

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