

ANNOUNCEMENT



Professor & Head, Department of Materials Science and Engineering

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Professor and Head of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering (MSE) at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK), College of Engineering (<http://www.engr.utk.edu/mse/>). The College has eight academic departments with a total of 3,000 students and is ranked by *US News* as 73rd among all colleges of engineering granting a PhD. In addition, its graduate and undergraduate rankings are 43rd and 37th, respectively, among public colleges of engineering granting the PhD. The Department has a current enrollment of approximately 200 students, half at graduate level, with 19 tenured/tenure-track faculty and approximately 30 associated adjunct and research faculty. MSE faculty members have unique opportunities for research and/or joint partnerships with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), including the Center for Nanophase Materials Science and the Spallation Neutron Source. In addition, the MSE department interacts with the National Institute for Computational Sciences, a national NSF center recently awarded to the University and housed in nearby Oak Ridge, TN. MSE faculty also collaborate with several ORNL/UT joint institutes, including the Joint Institutes of Computational Science, Biological Sciences, Neutron Sciences and Advanced Materials, as well as with several on-campus centers. The Department is entering a significant new era and will play an important role in the University's vision to become a Top-25 public research institution.

Primary responsibilities of the department head are to provide visionary leadership; to encourage excellence and innovation in research, teaching and service; to advance professional development of faculty, staff and students; to promote productive relationships with all constituents including students, parents, alumni, industry and government agencies; and to foster productive interdisciplinary relationships with a variety of entities across the University community.

Applicants must hold a doctorate degree in materials science and engineering or a closely related field. In addition, candidates must be eligible for appointment at the rank of full Professor. Commitment to, and knowledge of, affirmative action, equal employment opportunity, and diversity are required. The successful candidate must also have a balanced perspective on research and teaching, as well as the vision and ability to lead a faculty representing a diversified range of interests. In addition, experience is required that demonstrates strong and successful administrative skills and proven leadership skills. Demonstrated excellence in research, professional practice, technical leadership and graduate and/or undergraduate teaching is strongly desired.

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF file via e-mail to coeutk@utk.edu and include: (1) a letter detailing applicant's interest in the position and vision for progressive advancement of the program, (2) a comprehensive *curriculum vitae*, and (3) the names and contact information (address, phone number and email address) of five professional references. Questions regarding the position should be directed to the Chair of the Search Committee, Dr. Dayakar Penumadu, via e-mail (dpenumad@utk.edu). Review of the applications will begin December 1, 2010, and continue until the position is filled. Anticipated start date is August 1, 2011.

All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration for employment and admissions without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, or covered veteran status.

Eligibility and other terms and conditions of employment benefits at The University of Tennessee are governed by laws and regulations of the State of Tennessee, and this non-discrimination statement is intended to be consistent with those laws and regulations.

In accordance with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, The University of Tennessee affirmatively states that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, or disability in its education programs and activities, and this policy extends to employment by the University.

Inquiries and charges of violation of Title VI (race, color, national origin), Title IX (sex), Section 504 (disability), ADA (disability), Age Discrimination in Employment Act (age), sexual orientation, or veteran status should be directed to the Office of Equity and Diversity (OED), 1840 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37996-3560, telephone (865)974-2498 (V/TTY available) or 974-2440. Requests for accommodation of a disability should be directed to the ADA Coordinator at the Office of Equity and Diversity.