

SMU. Office of the Provost

April 10, 2024

Dear Colleagues:

In support of our ongoing efforts to expand SMU's research activities and stature to the level of a Carnegie R1 institution, we are pleased to announce the creation of a new position – Associate Vice Provost for Research (AVPR). The individual in this position will work closely with the Vice Provost for Research and Chief Innovation Officer (VPR/CIO) and the Office of Research and Innovation (ORI) team on a variety of initiatives related to sponsored projects, research integrity, compliance, and technology transfer and commercialization. They will support activities to promote research and grant writing, organizing regular meetings with SMU's Associate Deans, and organizing principal investigator meetings. They will represent the ORI in various meetings, such as Council of Deans and Council of Academic Leadership, when the VPR/CIO is unable to attend.

With this letter, I ask for your support in identifying the best candidates from within SMU's faculty to fill this newly-titled position. Candidates must be tenured at the rank of Professor and have demonstrated success in research and external funding.

Applications and letters of nominations should be submitted to my office via e-mail to Daniel Eady (deady@smu.edu). Upon review of the candidate pool, the VPR/CIO and I will interview selected candidates, seek counsel from members of the Provost Office team, and make a final determination. A complete application will include a cover letter describing relevant experiences and interest in the position; a current curriculum vitae; and the names of three references with titles, mailing addresses, business/home telephone numbers, and email addresses. Individuals who wish to nominate a candidate should submit a letter of nomination including the name, position, address, telephone number, and email address of the nominee. For best consideration, applications and nominations should be received by Daniel Eady (deady@smu.edu) no later than May 3, 2024.

Thank you for supporting this strategic effort.

Sincerely,



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