Responsibilities: The University of Texas at El Paso, College of Health Sciences invites nominations and applications for the position of Assistant Professor of Social Work from talented individuals who will demonstrate excellence in research, teaching, and service. This position is a tenure-track, nine-month academic year position with the possibility of summer teaching. This position entails 40% teaching, 40% scholarship, and 20% in university and community service. Successful candidates will pursue an active program of research, to include external funding. The candidate will primarily teach courses in social work practice and ideally have a background in mental health, an interest or experience in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region, and a commitment to social work education in a minority-serving institution. Anticipated appointment date is Fall 2015.

The Department: The Department of Social Work’s MSW and BSW Programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (http://socialwork.utep.edu). With a history of excellence in interdisciplinary research, teaching, and community practice, the UTEP social work program is the only one in the nation with a concentration in social work on the U.S.-Mexico border region. The department currently serves 115 undergraduate pre-social work students, 70 BSW majors, and 75 MSW students. The department has seven tenure-track faculty and two full-time clinical faculty members. The MSW program prepares students for generalist practice serving Hispanic and other clients in the U.S.-Mexico border region. Faculty members also participate in the Interdisciplinary Health Sciences Ph.D. Program administered by the College of Health Sciences and School of Nursing.

THE COLLEGE: The College of Health Sciences provides teaching, research, and service related to the applied health sciences (http://chs.utep.edu). It has five departments (Clinical Laboratory Science, Kinesiology, Public Health Sciences, Rehabilitation Sciences, and Social Work), a cooperative Pharmacy program with the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy, and a collaborative relationship with the University of Texas at Houston School of Public Health-EI Paso regional campus. Strong collaborative ties also exist with the UTEP School of Nursing, the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, and Paul L. Foster School of Medicine in El Paso. The College is staffed by over 60 full-time faculty members, serves over 2100 students, and is nationally recognized for its innovative research in border health, Hispanic health and health disparities. It has a record of success with NIH and external health research funding. The College faculty members have been awarded $15.6 million in external funding during the past five years for its innovative health research projects. College faculty members conduct research that spans basic and clinical science, from community to global health. The breadth of their research expertise includes health education and promotion, health literacy, chronic and communicable disease prevention and management, maternal-child health, nutrition, exercise science, disability and rehabilitation sciences, social stigma, and mental health. A cadre of graduate students assists faculty in conducting a variety of projects.
relevant to improving health outcomes in the U.S.-Mexico border region. Our $60 million 138,000 sq. ft. building on the main campus houses state-of-the-art clinical and research laboratories, innovative teaching and clinical simulation spaces, and faculty and administrative offices.

THE UNIVERSITY: The University of Texas at El Paso is an emerging national research university at the heart of the U.S.-Mexico border committed to the ideals of access and excellence. A leader among Hispanic-serving institutions, UTEP enrolls over 23,000 students – about 80 percent of them Hispanic – and is the only doctoral research university in the nation with a majority Mexican-American student body. UTEP is designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as “Community Engaged” and by the U.S. Department of Education as “Hispanic Serving.” UTEP faculty are nationally recognized for their commitment to student success, teaching, research, scholarship, and artistic expression.

UTEP comprises six colleges and a School of Nursing and offers 71 bachelor’s, 76 master’s, and 20 doctoral degrees, with more in development. UTEP’s over $83 million in research spending a year ranks the University among the top 200 universities in the nation; and its over $40 million in federal research spending ranks fourth among all Texas public universities. UTEP is currently undergoing a transformation, which will benefit from over $300 million in recent building expansions, renovations, and infrastructure improvements. The center for intellectual capital in the region, UTEP has awarded more than 110,000 degrees since its founding in 1914. UTEP is one of the major economic engines in the Paso del Norte region, generating $369 million in local business volume and 7,050 jobs, and contributing $452 million in household income.

In its 2014 national university rankings, Washington Monthly again ranked UTEP in the top 10. In addition, UTEP maintained its #1 ranking as the nation’s leading university in fostering student social mobility. Our success in achieving both affordability and high quality in the low-resourced U.S.-Mexico border setting requires a deep commitment by all UTEP faculty and staff, and our many friends and supporters. That commitment ensures that students who entrust us with their aspirations are given every opportunity not only to pursue them, but to engage in enriched educational experiences on our campus that will prepare them to compete successfully with their peers from across the globe. UTEP is not only redefining public higher education regionally and throughout Texas; our impact is being strongly validated across the nation. UTEP also offers exciting Division I athletic programs; award-winning theater, dance, and music programs; art galleries and a museum; and continuing and lifelong education programs open to the public.

EL PASO: El Paso County is a highly livable, bi-cultural community of 800,000 people that offers affordable homes and attractive neighborhoods. It is the safest large city in the United States. Shielded by mountains on three sides, El Paso experiences more than 300 days of sunshine annually and a dry climate, making it possible to enjoy outdoor activities year-round. The city of El Paso is adjacent to both the state of New Mexico and the country of Mexico, making it the nation’s leading area for cultural diversity and border health research. El Paso comprises 248 square miles and is the sixth largest city in Texas and 19th largest in the United States. The international and multicultural characteristics of the Paso del Norte provide faculty with unique opportunities to address the border region’s most challenging health issues.

El Paso’s active arts and culture community features the state’s longest running symphony orchestra, a nationally recognized chamber music festival, art galleries, history museums, and a full schedule of seasonal festivals and events.
Qualifications: (1) Earned doctoral degree in social work or a closely related field at the time of the initial appointment (August 2015); (2) history of or potential for academic scholarship, such as research publications and conference presentations; (3) demonstrated potential for success in external fund development; (4) evidence of or potential for teaching and mentoring in an accredited social work program; (5) history of or potential to conduct a program of teaching and research on border health and welfare issues in a bi-national, bi-cultural environment; (6) MSW degree and a minimum of two years post-master’s mental health practice experience in social work; (7) licensure in Texas as an LMSW or LCSW or license-eligible in Texas; (8) evidence of or potential for teaching and mentoring in an accredited social work program; (9) the ability to work effectively with faculty, staff, students, and community stakeholders from diverse ethnic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Bilingual (English/Spanish) writing and speaking skills, agency or university administrative experience, and experience with curriculum development and course scheduling are preferred.

Application Information: Applications will be received and reviewed until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin immediately. Applicants are encouraged to apply before December 1, 2014. Applicants should submit: (1) a cover letter describing their interest in the position and their qualifications; (2) a curriculum vitae; and (3) complete contact information for three professional references. Candidates will be notified before references are contacted. For more information, please contact Dr. Adam McCormick at agmccormick@utep.edu or call 915-747-5453.

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