FACULTY POSITION

Director, School of Social Work

The Georgia State University (GSU) School of Social Work in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies (AYSPS) invites applications and nominations for the director of the School to start fall 2022. This is an opportunity to join a unique and collegial School that values social justice, diversity & inclusion, as well as improving connections in and between communities. The director will contribute to several recently launched and planned initiatives within the School of Social Work, including online options within both the BSW and MSW programs and the planned launch of a PhD program. This is a nine-month position, with summer administrative salary and responsibilities.

Duties: The successful applicant will have responsibility for overseeing all academic, instructional, fiscal and administrative functions of the School of Social Work. These duties also include overseeing the school’s curriculum, overseeing the school’s visioning and strategic planning, working with faculty on instructional assignments, and representing the School within the university and to external communities. The director works closely with a management team in the College and reports directly to the dean of the AYSPS.

Essential Qualifications: Applicants must possess an MSW and a doctorate in social work or closely related field. The applicant must have teaching experience and be engaged in scholarship commensurate with a tenured faculty appointment that is eligible for the rank of full professor. Evidence of a commitment to diversity and inclusion, social justice, and community outreach and engagement is essential.

Preferred qualifications: Preference will be given to applicants who have higher education administrative experience and demonstrate a thorough understanding of social work education. Applicants should have experience mentoring and providing support to faculty of diverse backgrounds. Experience with social work reaffirmation processes is desirable. Experience overseeing or teaching within a PhD program in social work is preferred.

School and Campus: The School of Social Work offers dynamic programs in Atlanta, Georgia and has both a strong research driven faculty and a strong, impressive record of external funding. The School is host to the National Center on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (with Western Michigan University). Within the School of Social Work, the BSW program graduates approximately 90 students per year. The MSW program, with a sole concentration on community partnerships, graduates 45-60 students per year.
Both programs are fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education through 2028. The School of Social Work is one of five academic units in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, which ranks in the top 15% of Public Policy Schools as rated by U.S. News & World Report. The School of Policy Studies also contains the Departments of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Economics, Public Management & Policy, as well as the Urban Studies Institute and several research centers.

Georgia State University, an enterprising R-1 university located in Atlanta, is a national leader in using innovation that drives student success and fosters research growth. Ranked by U.S. News & World Report’s diversity index as among the most diverse universities in the nation, GSU is a national leader in graduating first generation college students from diverse backgrounds. GSU also has the distinction of annually graduating more African American students than any other public or nonprofit institution of higher education.

Centered in the state’s capitol and historic financial hub of downtown Atlanta, the university provides its faculty and students with unsurpassed research opportunities and connections to business, government, nonprofit, and cultural organizations. It has easy access to the State Capitol, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, the Jimmy Carter Library, state and federal agencies, and a vast array of community organizations. GSU is currently ranked the #1 public university in the country for an unusually strong commitment to undergraduate teaching and #2 for the most innovative university in the U.S. For more information about the University, see https://www.gsu.edu/about/.

To Apply: Send a letter of application, curriculum vita, and names of three professional references to Dr. Lionel Scott, Search Committee Chair, School of Social Work, Georgia State University, P.O. Box 3992, Atlanta, GA 30302-3992. Application materials can also be sent electronically to lscottjr@gsu.edu. Applicants are encouraged to submit application materials by November 30, 2021. Consideration will continue until the position is filled or the search is closed; early submission is encouraged.

Georgia State University, a unit of the University System of Georgia, is an equal educational institution and is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer. Candidates must be eligible to work in the U.S.

Conducting background checks on final candidates is part of the hiring process at Georgia State University. A satisfactory background investigation report, as determined by the sole discretion of the University, is a requirement for employment with the university.