Dean of the Sinclair School of Nursing  
Columbia, Missouri

The University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri (MU) invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean of the Sinclair School of Nursing (SSON). Founded as the first public university west of the Mississippi River, MU is a land-grant, Research 1, AAU member and flagship of the four-campus University of Missouri System. One of 19 schools and colleges at MU, the SSON is an integral part of the University and MU Health, and has a reputation for academic rigor, high quality education, and research productivity. The SSON is located in Columbia, Mo., an ideal college town, combining small-town comforts, community spirit and low cost of living with big-city culture, activities and resources.

The SSON offers a comprehensive portfolio of degree programs including nationally-accredited BSN (traditional, accelerated and RN-to-BSN options) and MS(N) programs, a PhD program, a DNP program with five concentration areas, a graduate certificate in Participatory Health Research, and has an NINR-funded T32 pre-doctoral training grant and a Meta-Analysis Research Center. The school is on an upward trajectory with more than 45 full-time faculty members and 1,331 students (670 pre-clinical, 374 BSN, 33 MS(N), 208 DNP, and 46 PhD). The SSON is the primary university-based provider of high-quality, affordable continuing education for Missouri nurses, via the extension-based Nursing Outreach. SSON faculty are recognized locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally, and include members of the American Academy of Nursing, the National Academies of Science, and Sigma Theta Tau International's International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame. SSON faculty were awarded the largest grant in MU history in 2016.

The SSON is seeking an outstanding leader to direct the next stage of development. The dean is the school’s chief administrative officer, reporting directly to the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor. The dean promotes a clear, unifying, and actionable vision for the school’s future; recruits, develops, and inspires an outstanding and diverse faculty and staff; fosters an environment conducive to successful teaching, research, service, and practice; contributes to interdisciplinary efforts; creates new and nurtures existing external partnerships; vigorously pursues opportunities for increased funding and growth; and leads the school in its efforts to promote access, inclusion, and diversity. The dean also oversees program evaluation, develops and manages budgets, and works collaboratively to create efficient policies and processes for success.

Candidates should have a doctorate in nursing, academic achievements supporting an appointment with tenure at the rank of professor, including research publications and funded research; a record of teaching, curriculum development, and innovative and successful leadership; a strong commitment to diversity and shared governance; and evidence of leadership in the school’s areas of expertise.

The University of Missouri has retained Isaacson, Miller to assist in the search for the new dean of the Sinclair School of Nursing. All applications, nominations, and inquiries may be directed to Donna Cramer and Randi Alberry at Isaacson, Miller online at www.imsearch.com/6491 or by phone at (617)262-6500.

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