

Chair & Program Director, UMKC School of Social Work

The University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) invites nominations and applications for the position of Professor and Chair of the School of Social Work. The incoming Chair will also function as the MSW Program Director.

UMKC, www.umkc.edu, is part of the four-campus University of Missouri System and is recognized as a high-research-activity institution (Carnegie Foundation). The School of Social Work, which started in 1999 and received initial accreditation in 2003, is a graduate-only department within the College of Arts and Sciences. The School has eight diverse full-time faculty and graduates approximately 60 MSW students annually. The School collaborates with several of UMKC's other professional schools, including Dentistry, Education, Law, Management, Medicine, and Nursing. Social Work's MSW program offers an advanced generalist concentration in an urban community context, within which the School partners with over 250 field sites providing a wide range of training experiences for MSW students. The School is one of eleven social work programs recently awarded a five-year National Child Welfare Workforce Initiative (NCWWI) University Partnership Grant. It is also funded, through a SAMHSA grant to the Addiction Technology Transfer Center located at the UMKC School of Nursing, to provide training in motivational-interviewing-based substance-abuse intervention to all social work graduates.

UMKC's campus is located in south-central [Kansas City](#) (metro-area population 1.8 million), which has recently been ranked one of "America's Best Downtowns" (Forbes), one of America's "Most Affordable Cities" (Forbes), and one of the "Top 10 Cities for College Grads" (Livability). In addition, Newsweek lists six of our area high schools as among the "Nations Best". Located in the cultural hub of Kansas City, the UMKC campus is a vital part of the city's ethnic and cultural diversity.

The School of Social Work seeks applicants for chair with an excellent record of professional and scholarly achievement, a commitment to social work education leadership, and a current academic record commensurate with appointment at the rank of full professor. A successful record of procuring external funding is expected, and an MSW and an earned doctorate in social work or related field are required.

The successful candidate will demonstrate a broad set of skills to advance program development. These include the ability to capitalize on human and financial resources, to mentor faculty scholarship, to communicate across internal and external constituencies, to innovate community partnerships, and to promote social justice and cultural diversity.

Applicants must submit the following materials online (as one document) at www.umkc.edu/jobs:

1. Cover letter elaborating interest in the position
2. Statement of administrative philosophy and leadership style
3. Curriculum vitae
4. Full contact information for four references

Additional position information may be obtained by contacting [Dr. Lee Rathbone-McCuan](#), Chair of the Search Committee, at rathbone-mccuane@umkc.edu or at 816-235-1040 (department office).

Application review will begin September 1, 2014 and the position will remain open until filled.

The University of Missouri—Kansas City is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer. Women, minorities, veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. The UMKC recognizes that a diverse faculty, staff and student body enriches the educational experiences of the entire campus and greater community. To this end, UMKC is committed to recruiting and retaining faculty, students and staff who will further enrich our campus diversity and to making every attempt to support their academic, professional and personal success. For more information, call the Vice Chancellor—Human Resources at 816-235-1621. To request ADA accommodations, please call the Director of Affirmative Action at 816-235-1323.