

## DEPARTMENT HEAD IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

The Dwight Look College of Engineering at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, invites applications and nominations for a tenured full professor position with the administrative responsibility of the head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The department is seeking an exceptional candidate in any branch of mechanical engineering who will provide leadership for the department and make sustained contributions to teaching and research programs with an international reputation for excellence. Depending on qualifications, it is expected that the candidate will be eligible for an endowed professorship or chair.

Successful candidates will have a track record of dynamic leadership skills in academia; possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills; be able to lead the department in developing and implementing a compelling vision for its research, education, and service programs; and champion external relations with friends and supporters. Key responsibilities will include strategic planning; development of emerging areas (e.g. energy research); coordination of interdisciplinary activities; maintaining a commitment to diversity in faculty and staff hiring; and assistance with securing funding for scholarships, endowed chairs, and center/focus area initiatives. Candidates must possess a Ph.D. or equivalent in mechanical engineering or a closely related field; qualify as a full professor in the department; have considerable research and academic accomplishments; have administrative experience; and be able to maintain the upward trajectory the department has experienced in recent years. The preferred start date for this position is September 2012.

The Department of Mechanical Engineering currently has approximately 1,150 undergraduate and 450 graduate students, making it one of the largest programs in the country. The department awards about 200 bachelor's degrees and 125 graduate degrees each year. In 2010, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the undergraduate program 14th nationally among all schools and 9th among public universities. Ranking of the graduate program was 17th nationally among all schools and 10th among public universities. More information about the academic and research programs is available at: <http://www.mengr.tamu.edu>.

Texas A&M's Dwight Look College of Engineering is one of the largest engineering colleges in the nation, with more than 11,000 students and 12 departments. In 2010, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the Texas A&M Engineering graduate program 12th among 185 U.S. universities (sixth among public schools) and the undergraduate program 17th among 181 U.S. universities (ninth among public schools). The college is third amongst all U.S. universities in annual engineering research expenditures, at more than \$248 million. The college also ranks among the Top 10 producers of engineering graduates in the country for undergraduate and graduate engineering degrees.

From humble beginnings in 1876 as Texas' first public institution of higher learning, to a bustling 5,000-acre campus with more than 49,000 students and a nationally recognized faculty, Texas A&M University is one of a select few universities with land-grant, sea-grant, and space-grant

designations. Texas A&M is located in College Station, within a small metropolitan area of more than 170,000 residents.

Applicants should submit an application package containing a cover letter (describing leadership style and vision for the department, as well as research and teaching interests); a complete curriculum vitae; and a list of five references (including postal addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses) electronically at:

<http://www.mengr.tamu.edu/Employment/employment.html>

Please contact Prof. Dimitris Lagoudas ([dhsearch@mengr-tamu.org](mailto:dhsearch@mengr-tamu.org)) for more information about this opening.

Texas A&M University is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative-action Employer. Women and underrepresented minorities are especially encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.