Chair, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) School of Dentistry invites applications and nominations for the position of Chair of the Department of Comprehensive Dentistry.

The Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, made up of three divisions—Pre-doctoral, Research, and Advanced Education and Outreach. The largest Department in the Dental School, it is comprised of over 150 faculty and staff responsible for accomplishing the departmental missions of teaching, research, patient care, and service. The pre-doctoral division is charged with the pre-clinical and clinical training of dental students. The disciplines of general dentistry, restorative dentistry, prosthodontics, oral medicine/radiology, prevention, and community outreach are coordinated to provide a comprehensive educational experience for future dental practitioners. A general dentistry model is used to prepare students for general practice or advanced education upon graduation. The Department of Comprehensive Dentistry has a major commitment to the teaching of dental students both at the preclinical and clinical levels. The Advanced Education and Outreach division conducts dynamic advanced education programs in general dentistry (AEGD), prosthodontics, oral and maxillofacial radiology, and dental public health. In the research division, department scientists conduct world class research studying a wide variety of oral and systemic conditions.

Responsibilities
The Chair is the administrative leader for this large and diverse department, reporting to the Dean of the Dental School. The Chair is appointed to a full-time (12-month), tenure-track position. The primary responsibilities are to:

Guide quality improvement processes for the Department, including long and short-term strategic planning
Plan and manage fiscal resources, including fund-raising
Manage development of departmental policies and procedures
Select, mentor, manage and evaluate staff and faculty
Provide leadership to the department in education, clinical training and patient care, scholarship, and research
Promote and support faculty professional development
Foster quality patient care through effective professional education
Create and maintain effective community involvement and communication
Support collaborative and interdisciplinary experiences for faculty and students

Qualifications
We seek candidates with an outstanding record of administration in dental education including experience in operational and financial management. Strong leadership and communication skills are required for this position.
Candidates must have a clinical practice background in institutional and/or private practice settings, as well as, an established reputation for scholarly activity. Their teaching philosophy should be consistent with the concept as taught in the UTHSCSA dental school.

The applicant must have a Dental Degree recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or equivalent foreign BDS or DDS training and should be eligible for dental licensing in the state of Texas.

Process
Applications should include their Curriculum Vitae, a brief statement (limited to 2 pgs) of interest outlining why they feel qualified for the position and a description of their academic vision, and a list of four references. The deadline for submission of completed applications is October 1, 2013. Send materials electronically to Rapach@uthscsa.edu

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