

## **DEPARTMENT HEAD**

### **Department of Mechanical Engineering University of Louisiana at Lafayette**

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Head of the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The Mechanical Engineering Department at UL Lafayette has an undergraduate and graduate enrollment exceeding 400 majors and is fully ABET accredited with eight tenured and four tenure track faculty. The department is experiencing significant increases in research expenditures and increased recognition related to the results of these activities. It is envisioned that the department head will guide the department through continued growth in both student numbers and research expenditures while maintaining comprehensive faculty expertise in all major divisions of the mechanical engineering field. Several highly motivated faculty have recently joined the department providing for a dynamic academic environment. The department anticipates adding tenure-track faculty members in the coming years providing the new department head an opportunity to directly shape the direction of the department. Additionally, significant growth in the graduate program is anticipated.

The ideal candidate must have an undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering and a terminal degree in mechanical engineering or a closely related field, be a licensed professional engineer and possess demonstrated skills in administration, research program development, teaching, interfacing with alumni, professional service, and contributing toward the overall growth of an engineering college.

The UL Lafayette College of Engineering offers both BS and graduate degrees in chemical, civil, electrical & computer, mechanical, and petroleum engineering and a BS in industrial technology. The college is poised to rapidly elevate its overall program into one of increased national prominence. The new department head is expected to be a critical aspect of this targeted growth. The university is located in Lafayette, LA, an exciting community in the heart of Louisiana's Cajun Country. The university is the largest in the University of Louisiana System with over 16,000 students and is a Carnegie Research University with high research activity. The community is highly technology oriented and has a reputation of being a community in which people are prone to remain due to the high quality lifestyle, pleasing climate, and friendly nature of its people.

Applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled. Applicants should provide a cover letter detailing their vision for the department and how their background supports this vision, complete curriculum vitae, and a list of five references that may be contacted during any stage of the search. UL Lafayette is an equal opportunity employer dedicated to increasing diversity among its ranks. Submit applications via email or regular mail to:

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