

College of Journalism and Communications Department of Public Relations

The Department of Public Relations, a leader in public relations education, research, and professional outreach, invites applications and nominations for the position of Chair and Professor to begin January, 2014. The diverse faculty members in the department value the scholarly, collegial, and collaborative culture that exists within the Department and across the College.

The Department of Public Relations is one of the largest programs in the United States, with nine full-time faculty, including an endowed chair in public interest communications. It serves approximately 570 undergraduate majors and 65 graduate students, including 15 Ph.D. students. The Department consistently is ranked among the top-three public relations programs in the United States and aspires to be the very best.

Qualifications: Qualifications of preferred candidates include distinguished scholarship, demonstrated leadership or administrative experience, potential for securing external funding, and a vision for the future of the department as we continue to innovate in creative, technological, and global aspects of the field. A Ph.D. is required for this 12-month position. The successful applicant will (1) hold the rank of professor or meet the University of Florida's criteria for full professor upon hire and (2) be eligible for tenure upon hire. Other qualifications include interest in distance/online education and executive training, entrepreneurial spirit, and willingness to actively engage in activities of our Center for Media Innovation + Research, which includes the AHA! Co-Lab and the Social Advocacy Project.

The College of Journalism and Communications has 50 full-time faculty, more than 60 full-time staff, approximately 2,342 undergraduate majors and 275 graduate students, including 71 doctoral students. The College offers the doctoral degree and ACEJMC-accredited baccalaureate and master's degrees through four academic departments: Advertising, Journalism, Public Relations, and Telecommunication. Additional interdisciplinary graduate programs exist in the following specializations: Science/Health, International & Intercultural, and Mass Communication Law as well as three online master's programs: Global Strategic Communication, Social Media, and Web Design and Online Communication.

The University of Florida, one of the most comprehensive public universities in the nation, is a member of the Association of American Universities and is included in the Carnegie Commission's list of leading research universities. UF's students come from all 50 states and more than 100 countries. The University of Florida seeks applications and nominations from a broad spectrum of individuals including women, members of diverse ethnic groups, and persons with disabilities. The University of Florida is an equal opportunity institution. The "Government in the Sunshine" laws of the State of Florida require that all documents related to the search process be available for public inspection.

Application Procedure: To view application instructions and complete an online resume, visit www.hr.ufl.edu/job. The reference/requisition number for this vacancy is 0902483. Applications must include an electronic copy of the following: (1) a letter of interest; (2) complete curriculum vitae; (3) names, addresses, and telephone numbers of at least three professional/academic references. The Search Committee may request additional materials at a later time. If an accommodation due to a disability is needed to apply for this position, please call (352) 392-4621 or the Florida Relay System at (800) 955-8771 (TDD). Questions can be directed to the Search Committee Chair: Dr. Linda Hon, PO Box 118400, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, 32611-8400 (Telephone 352-392-0466) or Lhon@ufl.edu. Review of applications begins September 1, 2013, and continues until the position is filled.