Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

The University at Buffalo (UB) invites applications and nominations for the position of dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS). A member of the Association of American Universities, UB is a flagship institution of the State University of New York (SUNY), and the largest and most comprehensive university in the SUNY system. The dean is the chief academic and administrative officer of the school, reporting to the provost and executive vice-president for academic affairs. Founded in 1946, SEAS has grown to be the largest public engineering school in New York, and is home to approximately 2,600 undergraduate students, 1,200 graduate students, and 147 full-time faculty members. Annual research expenditures for 2010, as reported to the NSF HERD survey, exceeded $61M. SEAS faculty have received many honors and accolades, including the President’s National Medal of Science and membership in the National Academy of Engineering and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. SEAS is composed of seven departments—Biomedical Engineering; Chemical and Biological Engineering; Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering; Computer Science and Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Industrial and Systems Engineering and Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering—and many affiliated research centers and laboratories. Further information may be found at the School’s website, http://www.eng.buffalo.edu.

The dean is responsible for providing overall leadership to the school to promote academic excellence and advance its national and international prominence in research, and graduate and undergraduate education. The new dean will oversee a period of significant growth in the school, as envisioned in the university’s UB 2020 strategic plan and supported by the state’s recent passage of NYSUNY 2020 legislation and related challenge grant, which provide the university with critical tools to engage in long-range planning and institutional development across the disciplines. The ideal candidate will be an individual of integrity, an intellectual leader among the faculty, an advocate for the school and the university, a creative problem solver, an energetic and engaged partner in building and enhancing relationships with the school’s many constituencies and the local community, and a skilled and conscientious administrator. The dean, working with the president, provost and other senior leadership and academic deans, should demonstrate experience and a vision for progress in several areas continuing the development and execution of strategic plans through UB 2020 and NYSUNY 2020, furthering innovative educational programs and expanding outreach activities with industrial partners, enhancing stewardship and philanthropy, and administering all aspects of resource management.

The dean must possess a terminal degree appropriate to a field of engineering represented in SEAS, and academic credentials of the stature to be awarded tenure as full professor in one of the School’s departments.

Interested parties may visit http://www.buffalo.edu/ase/eng-dean-search.html for further information. Nominations and applications are now being accepted and review of application materials will begin in mid-summer. It is anticipated that the dean will begin service on January 1, 2013. All materials and inquiries will be held in strict confidence until the final stages of the search, at which time the express permission of the finalists will be obtained before making their candidacy public. Candidates should submit a curriculum vitae and optional letter describing their background and interest. Electronic submission of materials should be sent to:

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