Director of Research for the Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research Position

Application Due: Review of applications will begin on April 29, 2016
Type: Twelve-month, Tenured Associate Professor
Position Availability: Fall 2016

Position Description:
The Burkhart Center for Autism Education and Research is looking for a collaborative researcher with a strong track-record of productivity to serve as lead researcher and Co-director of the Center. The Burkhart Center is a new, state-of-the-art facility providing a comprehensive range of services for individuals and families with autism (i.e., ABA-based services, family and parent training, transition services for young adults, supports for fully-included college students with autism.) The Burkhart Center is located on the campus of Texas Tech University and is an emerging leader in Texas and the nation for innovative and evidence-based interventions. With a medical school and a range of academic colleges and disciplines on campus with whom we partner, the Burkhart Center is a hub of autism research and interdisciplinary projects.

The Burkhart Center seeks a highly productive and collaborative researcher who is able to synergize and bring to practice innovative interdisciplinary research that addresses fundamental and applied questions around autism. The lead researcher and Co-Director must be able to coalesce a strong agenda of research within a center committed to providing cutting-edge services that measurably impact the lives of individuals with autism and their families.

As a key metric of advancing innovative and integrative research and services, the lead researcher and Co-director is expected to lead teams in securing significant externally funded research. The lead researcher and Co-director is also expected to work with the Burkhart Center Co-Director of Services and Education in the overall leadership of the Center. As such, the lead researcher and Co-director must have the aptitude and experience for effectively leading a comprehensive, growing center for education and research in autism.

Qualifications:
An earned Ph.D. in Special Education, Educational Psychology or related field from an accredited college/university. A working knowledge of the processes required to obtain external funding, especially at the federal level. A working knowledge of the pre and post award processes for maintaining grant funding. A proven track record of obtaining external federal grant funding over a period of several years. Strong evidence of the ability to delineate and maintain a focused research agenda. Strong evidence of the ability to lead a system-wide, state-oriented, or national autism research cluster to produce cutting-edge community/school based research. Excellent oral and written communication skills.
Responsibilities:
1) To take a leadership role in coordinating, overseeing and leading all phases of the research enterprise of the Burkhart Center.
2) To ensure the research agenda of the Burkhart Center is fully aligned with the mission and vision of the Burkhart Center and organic with and influenced by the services, training, community, and activities of the center.
3) To secure extramural funding, particularly federal funding, to investigate critical research interests at the Burkhart Center.
4) To develop and lead the Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Autism transdisciplinary/interdisciplinary research cluster in terms of development, focus, and funding streams.
5) To oversee and Co-direct staff affiliated with the research mission of the Burkhart Center, including:
   a. The College of Education research editor/facilitator/ grant writer.
   b. Any Burkhart Center post-doctoral fellows or Visiting Assistant Professors in ASD research.
   c. Any Research Professors housed in the Burkhart Center.
   d. Research support staff such as grant managers or other personnel affiliated with projects funded as part of the Co-Director’s research agenda.
6) To cultivate a strong relationship with the Vice President for Research and his office staff including pre and post awards as well as the Human Subject Protection Program.
7) To engage in community/school-based research that furthers the College of Education emphasis on working collaboratively with partners to address problems in our society.

The College of Education at Texas Tech University is recognized as an emerging national leader in high-quality and innovative educator preparation. We are growing rapidly as we recruit gifted and entrepreneurial faculty that are committed to results-based education enacted in multiple ways with the schools, agencies, and communities that we serve across Texas and the nation. The work of the College is deeply rooted in authentic partnerships that provide guidance in producing the measurably best educators and providing services that add significant value to those we serve.

The College of Education at Texas Tech University is currently comprised of the Department of Educational Psychology & Leadership, the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, and the Department of Teacher Education. The College of Education houses 11 graduate programs that prepare both applied and basic researchers who possess the skills to work with diverse populations. Texas Tech University, a member of the Big 12 Conference, is located in Lubbock, Texas (population 260,000). Texas Tech University is a comprehensive university with an enrollment of almost 36,000, and is the only campus in Texas where both the law school and medical school (part of Texas Tech University’s Health Sciences Center) are housed at the same location. The University has a wide range of undergraduate and graduate CAEP accredited programs.
Interested candidates should submit application materials online at the TTU Personnel Employment website: [www.WorkAtTexasTech.com](http://www.WorkAtTexasTech.com). Requisition: 7191BR. Please include a letter of application, curriculum vitae, copied graduate transcripts, and a list of three references with complete addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.

For more details about TTU, the Burkhart Center, or the College of Education, visit [http://www.ttu.edu](http://www.ttu.edu); [http://www.depts.ttu.edu/burkhartcenter](http://www.depts.ttu.edu/burkhartcenter); and [http://www.educ.ttu.edu](http://www.educ.ttu.edu). For more information contact Dr. Wesley Dotson, search committee chair, at Wesley.dotson@ttu.edu.

**Texas Tech University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We strongly encourage applications from women, minorities, persons with disabilities, veterans, and we consider the needs of dual-career couples. As an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer, Texas Tech University is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse faculty committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment.**