

UTHealth Houston Philosophy and Guidelines for Faculty Recruitment

As a leading academic health center, UTHealth Houston is aggressive in its pursuit of the best talent among educators, clinicians, and scientists. This means recruiting faculty members who have the potential to be outstanding in their fields of expertise and share an interest in fulfilling the common goals of the institution, including the spirit of collaboration across our campus community. The University is committed to advancing an academic and work environment that values differences and enriches the experiences of students and faculty alike. UTHealth Houston strives to recruit an outstanding faculty committed to excellence, discovery, and service.

Search Guidelines

Budget Authority Approval

Before initiating a search, department chairs, division leaders, section chiefs, or other hiring authorities must obtain the necessary approval according to the faculty recruitment request process within each school.

Position Summary

All postings for faculty positions must include a position summary that identifies faculty rank and tenure status (e.g., tenure track, non-tenure track research, or non-tenure track clinical) and the essential functions and areas of specialization sought for the position. The position summary should identify expectations for research, teaching, clinical service, administrative activities, and other service, as appropriate. Based on the faculty rank and tenure status, the posted position summary must identify minimum and preferred qualifications, such as terminal degree(s) and licensure (if a qualification is preferred rather than required, this should be indicated in the position summary). Faculty recruitment in academic health sciences remains very competitive. When appropriate for departmental/school needs, it is allowable to conduct a search that includes multiple faculty ranks (e.g., assistant/associate professor) to broaden the pool of candidates and ensure a successful search. Appendix A includes examples of faculty position summaries.

Search Committee

A search committee is required for all faculty searches, except as delineated in Appendix B. The search committee should have a minimum of 4 members, including the chair of the committee. The committee should be comprised of faculty; however, a DMO may serve as a member of the committee. Members of the search committee will collectively serve in an advisory role to the hiring authority by making recommendations on candidates who are interviewed by the committee (based on multiple criteria that will be used to assess candidates). The hiring authority, such as a hiring manager, division head, department chair, or dean, shall not serve as a member of the search committee but rather shall consider the recommendations of the search committee, among other factors, in making the hiring decision. Standing search committees within departments and schools are permissible and may provide an advantage for departments or schools that are experiencing significant growth. In appointing a search committee, include 1) individuals who represent a broad range of perspectives and appropriate expertise; 2) consideration for appointing members who have experience in the search process; and 3) underrepresented groups (whenever possible). Search committee members may come from other departments/schools within UTHealth Houston or institutions or organizations external to UTHealth Houston. However, the majority of the search committee must be comprised of faculty/employees of UTHealth Houston. The department should identify a search administrator who will help establish a committee meeting schedule and handle correspondence, travel arrangements, itineraries for candidates, and search documentation.

Position Posting and Announcements

UTHealth Houston requires a minimum posting period of 30 calendar days for all faculty searches. To identify well-qualified candidates, all positions (except faculty appointments without salary and other special circumstances listed

in Appendix B) must be posted to and recruited via the [UTHealth Houston Human Resources online applicant tracking system](#). Positions should be posted to the UTHealth Houston online job site before initiating the interview process. In addition, at least one external announcement must be placed. This would typically be on a professional society website, an appropriate electronic job posting service, or a medical/scientific journal, depending on the nature of the position.

UTHealth Houston strives to offer a supportive environment for all and welcomes individuals from an array of backgrounds. The hiring authority should make a good-faith effort to identify a group of well-qualified applicants. Appendix C lists examples of job-posting services (including several services that are at no cost) and other recruitment resources to increase representation in the candidate pool. Appendix D lists sites on which all UTHealth Houston employment opportunities, including faculty positions, are cross-posted nightly without regard to hiring preference.

In addition, all announcements in journals or other publications, at conferences, in online directories, and/or on departmental web pages must include the web link <https://www.uth.edu/careers/index.htm> to the UTHealth Houston job posting with the following statement:

“UTHealth Houston is committed to providing equal opportunity in all employment-related activities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, gender identity or expression, veteran status or any other basis prohibited by law or university policy. Reasonable accommodation, based on disability or religious observances, will be considered in accordance with applicable law and UTHealth Houston policy. The University maintains affirmative action programs with respect to women, minorities, individuals with disabilities, and eligible veterans in accordance with applicable law.”

Where space/character limitations apply, minimum language required:

“Equal Opportunity Employer/Disability/Veteran”

Copies of all external announcements (and information including dates and placement location) for the position must be retained as part of the search documentation and submitted via upload to the requisition before forwarding a candidate for approval for hire. Any networking efforts with colleagues should also include directions for candidates to apply online via UTHealth Houston’s job site. No candidate should be considered for a position unless their application has been submitted through the UTHealth Houston online posting system.

Selection of Candidates, Interviews, and Final Recommendations by the Search Committee

The search committee should utilize the following steps:

- Determine, prioritize, and document search criteria based on position duties and expectations and ensure that the criteria are applied consistently for all candidates.
- Complete an initial screening of all candidates to identify those who meet minimum qualifications. Disposition all who do not meet the minimum qualifications.
- Determine the candidates to be interviewed. Disposition all remaining candidates no longer under consideration.
- Contact the candidates about an appropriate timeframe for an interview and share with each of the candidates selected for interview information on the position, the department/division/school, UTHealth Houston, and its affiliates (as appropriate).
- Develop an interview schedule and coordinate campus visits as appropriate.

- Evaluate candidates for the full range of strengths and contributions each can provide UTHealth Houston in support of its research, teaching, clinical, and service missions, as appropriate, based on the qualifications and the position summary.
- Recommend final candidate(s) to the dean, department chair, division head, section chief, or other hiring authority, as appropriate.

It is unlawful under Texas law to require or consider a “diversity, equity, and inclusion statement” or “DEI statement.” UT System Policy ([UTS 197](#)) defines a “DEI statement” as a “written or oral statement of a person’s commitment to (1) furthering diversity, equity, and inclusion based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender identity and/or sexual orientation or (2) promoting differential treatment of or providing special benefits to individuals based on their identification as a member of one or more of these classifications.”

Additional information and resources can be found on the [Human Resources Faculty Recruitment page](#).

Recruitment of Faculty to Fill Multiple Vacancies

For programmatic areas of growth and for other situations that require an ongoing pool of candidates (such as hiring on a semester-by-semester basis for teaching), departments and schools may wish to develop recruitment strategies that include an open, broad timeline for recruitment. The UTHealth Houston applicant tracking system allows for the posting of multiple positions of the same title and requirements on one requisition.

Dispositioning of Candidates within 12 months

Once a candidate ages at any step up to 12 months, that candidate must be dispositioned out of the process or moved to the next step (not including meets basic qualifications step). Failure to do this will result in the position being placed on hold until that has occurred.

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Appendix A

Summary of Recruitment Process Requiring a Search Step 1: Hiring Manager

- Determine if the position requires a search or if it qualifies as a waiver or search exemption (see Appendix B). If a search is required:
 - Obtain appropriate departmental/school approvals for recruitment
 - Review/revise position summary, including the rank of position and minimum and preferred education and experience required
 - Select the search committee and chair
 - Meet with the search committee to review position expectations and expectations of the committee
 - Post position in UTH applicant tracking system and post any external announcements in journals, etc. (this may also be handled by the search committee)
 - Positions must be posted for a minimum of 30 calendar days

Step 2: Search Committee

- Determine, prioritize, and document search criteria based on position duties and expectations and ensure that the criteria are applied consistently for all candidates.
- Complete an initial screening of all candidates to identify those who meet minimum qualifications. Disposition all who do not meet the minimum qualifications.
- Determine the candidates to be interviewed. Disposition all remaining candidates no longer under consideration.
- Interview candidates
- Evaluate candidates
- Recommend final slate of candidate(s) to the hiring manager

Step 3: Hiring Manager

- Interview slate of candidates recommended by the search committee
- Make an offer to the finalist after receiving SVP-A&FA approval

Appendix B

A competitive search process is required to fill all faculty vacancies except in the circumstances listed below.

Search Waivers

The hiring department may submit a request to waive the competitive search process if one of the following criteria applies (search waiver form required): http://uth.learn.taleo.net/files/pdf/FACULTY_Faculty_Search_waiver_Request.pdf

- **Non-Benefits Eligible Faculty (includes rehired retired faculty)**
A faculty member who is not eligible for benefits because of part-time or casual status
- **Current or Former UTHealth Houston Fellow/Resident/Graduate Student**
Hired into a permanent Faculty position, **and** the UTHealth Houston relationship ended no more than 1 year before date of hire
- **Current UTHealth Houston Fellows/Residents – Temporary Hire**
Hired into a temporary Faculty position for the duration of their training (Lecturer, Instructor, NTC for a clinical fellow or resident)
- **Promotion to a Benefits Eligible Faculty Position within the same Department**
General A&P/Classified staff member/Postdoctoral Research Fellow/Part-time (without benefits) or Casual Faculty
- **Negotiated Hires in a Faculty Recruitment Package**
Includes spouse/partner and/or laboratory personnel appointed with graduate student, postdoctoral research fellow, or faculty titles in circumstances where it is necessary to recruit a successful candidate as determined by the standard competitive search process
- **Emergency Appointment**
Department performance may be impaired because of a vacant position
- **Unfulfilled Search**
May be granted following at least 12 months of an unsuccessful search
- **Presidential Waiver**
May be granted on rare occasions with appropriate justification to the President upon review and approval by the Senior Vice President of Academic and Faculty Affairs.

Appendix B – Continued

Search Exemptions

In these circumstances, a competitive search and a search waiver do not apply.

1. Automatic exemptions to a competitive search process

- Faculty promotions (internal department promotions within a faculty career path)
- Temporary, non-renewable appointment for up to one year
- Appointment to a faculty position “without salary” (WOS)
- An acting or interim appointment made in exigency (acting or interim appointments may not be changed to a permanent appointment without a search)
- Visiting Scientists (scientists who collaborate with UTHealth Houston faculty and staff while being employed and paid by another institution)

2. Acquisitions

The employees associated with situations where a UTHealth Houston department, school, or business unit acquires another organization as part of its business or service line development. A requisition is required for documenting faculty hired as part of the acquisition process. Please contact the HR Clinical Practice Plan team via email at hrupt@uth.tmc.edu or by phone at (832)325-7671.

3. Internal Promotion with Expanded Responsibilities

In cases where a new position is created to address the needs of the institution/school, and there is a natural trajectory of an existing position (e.g., promotion from assistant dean to associate dean).

Appendix C

Recruitment Resources

McGovern Medical School

<i>New England Journal of Medicine</i> Career Center Leading career site for academic medicine positions http://www.nejmcareercenter.org/	\$670/posting
JAMA Career Center http://www.jamacareercenter.com/	\$331/posting
AAMC Career Connect Price dependent on specialty http://www.aamc.org/services/careerconnect	\$250-\$550/posting
eHealth Careers A service by Elsevier http://ehealthcareers.com/	\$550/posting
PracticeMatch (Used by Memorial Hermann Health System) https://www.practicematch.com/employers/	No pricing available
MD Job Site http://www.mdjobsite.com/	\$500/month or \$3,600/year
MD Search Non-academic (staff physicians, hospitalists, clinical practice) http://www.mdsearch.com/	Free
Association of American Indian Physicians http://www.aaip.org	\$500/posting
NHMA (National Hispanic Medical Association) http://www.nhmamd.org	\$350/posting
National Medical Association http://www.nmanet.org	\$250/posting
American Medical Women's Association http://www.amwa-doc.org	\$389/posting

Cizik School of Nursing

Texas Nurses Association
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN)
Career Center Journal of the American Academy of Nursing
Texas Nurses Association Career Center
Journal for Nurse Practitioners

School of Dentistry

American Dental Association (Career Center) American
Association of Public Health Dentistry American
Association of Endodontics Career Center American
Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
International Association for Dental Research Career Center

School of Public Health

Public Health Jobs (part of the Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health) Public
Health Career Mart (American Public Health Association)
American College of Epidemiology (Job listing service)

General

University Jobs Higher Ed Jobs
Academic Keys (academic careers)
Chronicle of Higher Education

Association for Women in Science \$299/posting
<http://www.awis.org>

SACNAS \$299/posting
(Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science)
<http://www.sacnas.org>

Science Careers \$525/posting
<https://employers.sciencecareers.org/>

McGovern Medical School - Additional Professional Societies

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI)
American Academy of Dermatology (AAD)
American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM)
American Academy of Neurology (AAN)
American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO)
American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (AAOHNS)
American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
American Academy of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (AAPMR)
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE)
American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS)
Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS)
American College of Cardiology (ACC)
American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP)
American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG)
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM)
American College of Physicians (ACP)
American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) American
College of Radiology (ACR)
American College of Rheumatology (ACRr)
American College of Surgeons (ACS)
American Epilepsy Society (AES)
American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) American
Geriatrics Society (AGS)
American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) American
Psychiatric Association (APA)
American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP)
American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO)
American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM)
American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) American
Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO)
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS) American
Society of Hematology (ASH)
American Society of Nephrology (ASN)
American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS)
American Urological Association (AUA) North
American Spine Society (NASS) Society of
Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) Society of
Gynecologic Oncology (SGO) Society of
Hospital Medicine (SHM)
Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR)
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI)
Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS)
American Society for Microbiology Biochemical Society
American Society of Human Genetics
American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology American
Physiological Society
American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics American
Society for Cell Biology
American Chemical Society

Appendix D

Board	Website
African American Careers	https://www.africanamericancareers.org
African American Jobs	https://www.africanamericanjobs.org/
American Indian Jobs	https://www.americanindianjobs.org/
Asian Careers	https://www.asiancareers.org/
Asian Jobs	https://www.asianjobs.org/
Asian Workforce	https://www.usd-asianworkforce.com/
CareerAlerts.com	http://www.careeralerts.com
David Careers	https://davidcareers.com/
Disability Careers	https://www.disabilitycareers.org/
Disability Jobs	https://www.disabilityjobs.org/
EARN	https://www.askearn.org/
Employment Crossings	https://www.employmentcrossing.com/
Gay Careers	https://www.gaycareers.org/
Gay Jobs	https://www.gayjobs.org/
Glass Door	http://www.glassdoor.com
Hire a Hero	http://www.hireahero.org/
Hispanic Careers	https://www.hispaniccareers.org/
Hispanic Jobs	https://www.hispanicjobs.org/
Jobcase	https://www.jobcase.com/
JobInventory.com	http://www.jobinventory.com
Jobs Trovit	https://job.trovit.com/
JOFDAV	https://www.jofdav.com/
JuJu	http://www.juju.com
Kimble Group	https://kimblegroup.com/
LinkedIn	www.linkedin.com
Military1	https://www.military1.com
Native American Careers	https://www.nativeamericancareers.org/
Recruit-ABILITY	http://www.recruit-ability.com/
Senior Careers	https://www.seniorscareers.org/
Senior Jobs	https://www.seniorsjobs.org/
US Diversity	https://www.usdiversity.com/
US Diversity	https://www.usdiversity.net/
US Diversity	https://www.usdiversity.org/
USD Disabled Vets	https://www.usd-disabledvets.com/
USD Hispanic Workforce	https://www.usd-hispanicworkforce.com/
USD Veterans	https://www.usd-veterans.com/
USD Working Women	https://www.usd-workingwomen.com/
Veteran Careers	https://www.veterancareers.org/
Veteran Jobs	https://www.veteranjobs.org/
Women's Careers	https://www.womenscareers.org/
Women's Jobs	https://www.womensjobs.org/