

Director, Public Policy Program

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte invites applications from outstanding senior scholars to serve as Director of the Public Policy Program, an interdisciplinary Ph.D. granting program that draws upon faculty and resources from three colleges. The term of the position begins on July 1, 2017. The Program Director reports to the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the tenure home for the Director will be in a department in the College that is affiliated with the Public Policy Program.

Required qualifications include a Ph.D. in Public Policy or a closely related social science discipline and a record of distinction in public policy research, with credentials and experience appropriate for a tenured professorship at UNC Charlotte. We seek candidates with administrative or other related experience that has prepared them to serve as Director of a diverse and growing interdisciplinary Ph.D. granting program, and who have a commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion as values in the program and college. Finalists will be asked during their screening interview to discuss how the topics of diversity and inclusion are incorporated into their teaching and research.

We will give preference to candidates with experience working within an interdisciplinary environment, and who have experience in multiple facets of graduate education, including recruitment, curriculum development, mentoring, and placement. A track record of extramural funding is strongly desired. Preference will also be given to those with a record of active service to the discipline of public policy through its organizations and journals. We seek candidates who possess the vision and leadership to support a program targeted to expand its mission considerably, who will enhance the intellectual and interdisciplinary climate of the program, and build networks within the profession and with practitioners.

The position is open with respect to research specialty. The Public Policy Program has particular strengths in policy areas related to the urban environment including planning and development, governance, environmental, education, health, economic, crime, and social policy and provides all students rigorous training in quantitative analysis. The program is supported by over 30 core faculty drawn from departments and colleges throughout the university including Criminal Justice and Criminology, Economics, Geography and Earth Sciences, Philosophy, Political Science and Public Administration, Public Health, and Sociology. The program has a strong track record of placing its students in both academic and non-academic positions.

The Program Director will be responsible for coordinating and expanding the interdisciplinary program within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, where it is housed, as well as coordinating with the Belk College of Business and the College of Health and Human Services. The Director is responsible for coordinating all aspects of graduate education in the Public Policy Program and represents the program within and across college, university, professional, and community networks.

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte is a doctoral, research-intensive university, located in one of the nation's fastest-growing metropolitan areas on an expanding modern campus. One of sixteen campuses in one of the oldest public university systems in the United States, UNC Charlotte offers over 28,000 culturally diverse students a wide range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Charlotte's metropolitan area is rich in cultural and racial diversity (over 40% Hispanic/Latino and African-American) and our faculty strives to reflect and interact positively with that population. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences houses 20 departments in the humanities, social and behavioral sciences, physical sciences, and military sciences, as well as 8 research centers and institutes and 13 interdisciplinary programs.

Applications must be submitted electronically at <https://jobs.uncc.edu> (use position number #004161) and the following documents should be attached: cover letter describing your qualifications and approach to leadership, teaching, and scholarship; a statement addressing commitment to diversity and inclusion; CV; and names and contact information of three references. Applicants will be subject to a criminal background check.

AA/EOE employer. Minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are especially encouraged to apply. Screening of applications begins December 1st, 2016 and will continue until the position is filled.