About the Position

We invite nominations and applications for an innovative and collaborative leader to direct the University of Minnesota Center for Educational Innovation (CEI) at a transformative time for teaching and learning. Reporting to the vice provost for faculty and academic affairs, the director will provide vision and leadership for CEI to advance institutional, campus, and collegiate priorities for effective teaching and student success across the University of Minnesota system.

The Center promotes research-informed, transformative, and inclusive teaching and learning across the University, with its mission encompassing several priority areas:

- providing leadership and support for strategic, institutional educational initiatives;
- engaging with academic units on long-term change initiatives to accelerate educational transformation in response to the changing educational landscape;
- partnering with academic leaders across campuses, colleges, divisions, and departments to provide expertise, resources, and facilitation that advance their educational priorities; and
- offering a range of ways for individual instructors in the University teaching community to engage with our expertise.

The director will align CEI’s work in ways that advance the UMN systemwide strategic plan commitments by: (1) leading and partnering with central administration, colleges/campuses, departments/divisions, and instructors to enhance high-quality and research-informed educational offerings that promote student success and advance student mental health, inclusion, accessibility, and equity, (2) accelerating the adoption of research-informed instructional practices that improve students’ experiences of community and belonging and educational outcomes in their courses and academic programs, and (3) cultivating community for faculty, instructors, and graduate students through professional learning experiences and courses that foster a sense of belonging around teaching.

The CEI director works with other campus, college, and department leaders to determine priorities based on current and emerging educational challenges and opportunities. The director will operate in a complex, decentralized five-campus system to implement initiatives in partnership with other units and experts from across the University. Working with CEI staff, the director will actively and strategically expand the reach and impact of the Center and advocate for high-quality and research-informed educational practices in part by contributing to key University committees that pertain to teaching and learning.

Within the Center, the director will provide collaborative leadership with an experienced staff to shape its direction and guide the strategic allocation of resources. The director will also
provide oversight for new and established programming for faculty, instructors, and graduate students. The director will steward an engaging, inclusive, and respectful workplace culture that honors the depth and breadth of staff expertise while supporting their ongoing professional learning.

The position, open only to current UMN faculty members and academic professionals, is an annually renewable, 12-month, academic administrative appointment, which can range between 50% and 100%. We seek to fill this position as soon as possible; start date is negotiable depending upon prior commitments and responsibilities of the selected candidate.

**Required Qualifications**

- Doctoral or other terminal academic degree is required.
- Leadership experience which may include visioning, mission implementation, strategic and daily operations and direction, managerial oversight of professional staff and resource allocation, budget planning and management.
- Experience advocating for and advancing educational change or teaching/learning initiatives in higher education.
- Experience building and sustaining collaborations (e.g., cross-disciplinary, cross-program, cross-unit) with diverse faculty and instructors, academic administrators, and other partners.
- Higher education teaching experience that reflects research-informed, accessible, and inclusive pedagogical and curricular practices.
- Record of initiating, supporting, and enacting equity, inclusion, and/or access in higher education.
- Experience teaching or leading programming in multiple modalities or adapting programs for delivery in multiple formats.

**Application and Nomination**

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), women, LGBTQIA+ and gender-nonconforming people, people with disabilities, and members of other historically underrepresented communities/groups are highly encouraged to apply.

Priority will be given to applications submitted by **December 15** and accepted until the position is filled. Application materials (consisting of a letter of application and curriculum vitae) should be submitted to vpfaa@umn.edu. All applications will be held confidential and will not be made public without permission of the applicant.

Individuals wishing to nominate candidates for this position should submit a letter of nomination and a brief statement of the nominee’s qualifications for the position to: vpfaa@umn.edu.

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