Founding Dean of the IUPUI School of Education

IUPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis), Indiana’s premier urban research university, seeks a dynamic, visionary leader to serve as Founding Dean of the IUPUI School of Education. Serving 30,000 students, IUPUI is a national leader in life sciences research, civic engagement, service learning, first-year experiences, and assessment of institutional effectiveness. Located in the center of the city, IUPUI is an integral part of the Indianapolis metropolitan area of 1.9 million residents. Our location in the state capital facilitates work with government, business, and community organizations and enhances collaboration on research, education, economic development, and cultural initiatives. Boasting a desirable quality of life and reasonable cost of living, Indianapolis is a diverse city situated in a dynamic regional economy and home to a variety of outstanding cultural institutions, a rich art, theater and entertainment scene, and a number of professional sports teams.

The Founding Dean will provide academic and administrative leadership and direction to the urban research-focused School of Education in Indianapolis undergoing transition to an independent School. With an annual operating budget of $7.5 million, the School currently serves 685 undergraduate and 300 graduate students with approximately 40 full-time and 70 part-time faculty and 30 full-time and 40 part-time staff. The School’s research, teaching, and service partnerships with schools and communities reflect IUPUI’s institutional commitments to diversity, equity and inclusion, public scholarship, translational research, and creative activity in urban environments.

IUPUI’s School of Education is distinguished by our commitment to diversity and associated innovations and achievements in recruitment and retention of faculty, staff, and students. Reflective of those efforts, the School features a particularly strong, diverse, and dynamic faculty and staff delivering a powerful portfolio of urban-focused undergraduate and graduate programs. Within these programs, our faculty and students purposely and openly address issues related to social justice, including the complexities of race, ethnicity, class, gender, sexuality, dis/abilities, cultures, and languages of the urban education environment. Our anti-oppressive and anti-racist asset-based approaches figure prominently in our undergraduate programs for pre-service educators, our masters programs in counseling and counselor education, language education, special education, urban education and urban education leadership, and our Ph.D. program in Urban Education Studies.

Our faculty are recognized locally and nationally for commitments to civic engagement, leadership on diversity, excellence in innovative and multicultural teaching, and significant contributions to the field as mentors and early career scholars. Reflective of our current trajectory, our faculty have secured grants from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Dept. of Education, and the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, among others. In addition, the rate of proposed and awarded externally funded research activity increases each year. Our faculty are leaders in national organizations including AERA, UCEA, and ASHE, among other discipline-based organizations, and lead national top-tier journals for research and teaching. Our faculty lead innovative, equity-focused research centers and initiatives providing opportunities for researchers, students, educators, and community leaders. The Center for Urban and
Multicultural Education, Urban Center for the Advancement of STEM Education, and Great Lakes Equity Center are exceptional in the Midwest.

Priorities and opportunities for the Founding Dean include collaboratively crafting the School’s mission, vision, values, and strategic plan; advancing the administrative structure to support future directions; championing access, equity, and excellence throughout education systems, including responding and contributing to important state and national priorities for education; fostering anti-oppressive and anti-racist advocacy among faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community partners; recruiting, retaining, and supporting a diverse faculty, staff, and student body; enhancing existing and developing new academic programs with an emphasis on program quality, equity, and viability; generating and sustaining diverse revenue streams through program development/expansion, enrollment management, fundraising, and extramural support for research and scholarly activities; and managing resources in a fiscal environment characterized by Responsibility Center Management. Candidates should possess the ability to develop and sustain strong external relationships with leaders from multiple sectors, including school districts, community organizations, public officials, foundations, and universities.

Candidates for the Founding Dean position should possess the following: a doctorate in education or a related discipline; record of fostering student, faculty and staff success; significant and substantive experience as an academic administrator in postsecondary education, preferably at an urban-serving institution; demonstrated commitment to nurturing environments supportive of diversity, inclusion, and social justice; scholarly accomplishments to warrant appointment at the rank of Professor within the School of Education; the ability to secure and manage a wide range of resources to accomplish goals; an understanding of the complexities of operating in a decentralized Responsibility Center Management structure; and the ability to provide leadership to an academic unit undergoing transition to an independent School.

To apply, submit a cover letter, CV, statement of leadership philosophy, and a list of 3-6 references to http://indiana.peopleadmin.com/postings/5087. Review of candidate materials will begin on February 8, 2018, and will continue until the position is filled. For more information about IUPUI, please visit https://www.iupui.edu; for more information about the School of Education, please visit https://education.iupui.edu. Questions regarding the position or application process should be directed to Stephen Hundley, Senior Advisor to the Chancellor and Professor of Organizational Leadership, 301 University Boulevard, Suite 4049, Indianapolis, IN 46202 or via email at shundley@iupui.edu.

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