The Samuel Ginn College of Engineering at Auburn University invites applications for the position of Chair of the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering (CSSE). The initial appointment is for a five-year term with the possibility of being re-elected by the faculty for one additional term. Successful candidates must offer a vision for strategically advancing the department in its mission and must possess a distinguished record of teaching, research, and scholarship, as well as excellent interpersonal skills, ethics, and leadership qualities. The department chair is responsible for providing leadership in research, teaching, and outreach and should have demonstrated significant accomplishments in these areas.

Consistent with the goals of the College of Engineering, applicants must articulate a clear vision and demonstrate the qualities necessary to lead a dynamic faculty toward a sustained higher level of excellence. The successful department chair candidate must have achieved the academic and professional qualifications to be awarded tenure at the level of Full Professor in Computer Science and Software Engineering. A substantial record of research and scholarly achievements with a national reputation is essential along with a strong commitment to teaching and service. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in computer science, software engineering, or a closely related field.

CSSE currently has 15 full-time tenure-track faculty members and supports strong graduate (M.S., M.Sw.E., Ph.D.) and undergraduate programs in computer science, software engineering, and wireless engineering. CSSE enrollment for Fall 2015 was 725 undergraduate and 122 graduate students. Faculty research areas include cyber security, high performance computing, software engineering, computer and communication networks, computer systems and architecture, human-computer interaction, pervasive computing, artificial intelligence, database systems, modeling and simulation, and wireless engineering. Additional information about the department and faculty research interests can be found at the department's home page (http://www.eng.auburn.edu/csse).

Auburn University’s Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, the largest and most prestigious engineering program in Alabama, produces more than one third of the state’s engineering graduates according to the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE). U.S. News & World Report recently ranked the college 28th among public universities for its undergraduate programs and 39th among public universities offering graduate programs. The Samuel Ginn College of Engineering has 12 undergraduate and 10 graduate degree granting programs. The college is recognized as a significant contributor to the region’s economic development and industrial competitiveness.

Auburn University is one of the nation’s premier land, sea, and space grant institutions. In the 2016 edition of U.S. News & World Report ratings of undergraduate programs, Auburn was ranked 46th among public universities. Auburn University is a high research activity institution, offering bachelor’s, first professional, master’s, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees. Auburn University has 1,209 full-time faculty and enrolls 27,278 students from all fifty states and approximately 91 countries, including 21,786 undergraduates, 4,398 graduate students, and 1,103 first professional students.

The city of Auburn, AL is a thriving intellectual community located approximately 100 miles southwest of Atlanta, GA and southeast of Birmingham, AL, and is about 50 miles from Montgomery, the state capital. The Auburn-Opelika metropolitan statistical area has a population of 140,000, excellent public school systems, a regional medical center, and the distinction of being recognized as one of the “best small towns in America.” Forbes.com named Auburn as one of the top 10 “best small places for business and careers” for 2015.

Applications should be submitted through the University’s on-line system using the following link: http://aufacultypositions.peopleadmin.com/postings/1390. Submit a cover letter addressing your qualifications for the position, curriculum vitae/resume, statement of teaching philosophy, a statement of research interests, and the names of three references with contact information.

Review of applications will begin on January 19, 2016 and will continue until a suitable candidate is selected. The candidate selected for this position must be able to meet the eligibility requirements to work in the United States at the time the appointment is scheduled to begin and continue working legally for the proposed term of employment.

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