The University of California, Irvine invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean of the School of Education. We seek an experienced and accomplished leader who is a distinguished scholar and innovative administrator with an outstanding national reputation and demonstrated commitment to academic excellence, diversity, and inclusiveness and who will bring vision and inspiring leadership to the School.

The UCI School of Education is a rapidly growing interdisciplinary and ethnically diverse School with strong grounding in the basic disciplines of psychology, sociology, economics, linguistics, neuroscience, and the interdisciplinary areas of literacy, the learning sciences, and educational technology. Its mission is to promote the success and achievement of ethnically, linguistically, and economically diverse learners and teachers of all ages both in and out of school. Under the leadership of the founding dean, Deborah Vandell, the School has grown from a senate faculty of 9 in 2004 to 23 in 2015, including three members of the National Academy of Education and one member of the National Academy of Sciences. The School was ranked 31st in the nation by the most recent U.S. News & World Report Annual Ranking of Graduate Education Schools (rising from 88th in 2007). More importantly, the citation rate for its faculty is in the top 1 percent and the percent of faculty with research grants is in the top 2 percent of U.S. Schools of Education. The School ranked 4th in the country in terms of faculty awards and/or editorships and the School currently hosts a National Writing Project. Current research dollars in the School reached $31M in 2014. Three of the PhD students in each of the last two years received NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Awards – among the highest percentages of any school of education and any disciplinary department in the country. Furthermore, the PhD students’ GRE quantitative scores tied for 4th in the country in the recent U.S. News & World Report ranking of education schools. In 2014, the School had 180 applications for 14 slots. The School began a BA undergraduate major in Educational Sciences in 2014 – one of the few such programs in the USA that is not part of a teacher credentialing program. It also offers a certificate program in Afterschool Education and both a Post-Baccalaureate Teacher Credential Program and a Master of Arts in Teaching Program that includes a teacher credential. UCI’s Cal Teach Math and Science Program ranks first in California and eighth in the country. The School has strong ties to several local school districts, Head Start programs, afterschool programs and hospitals.

Over the next five years, the School will increase its attention to diversity and equity while continuing to pursue academic excellence. The School plans to expand its senate faculty to 34, build online programming in literacy, science, and math, promote new fields of inquiry related to educational science, draw on large scale data sets to examine the intersection of race, poverty, human development, and education to promote the well-being of individuals over the lifespan, move into the ranks of the top 20 schools of education, increase its faculty diversity, build a program in higher education, strengthen partnership with communities, strengthen its links to related basics disciplines, such as neuroscience and other STEM sciences, Chicano studies, sociology, psychology, and economics and strengthen our research on STEM learning and teaching and on underserved and linguistically diverse youth. We are looking for a Dean who can help us achieve these goals. In addition, consistent with UCI’s goal of becoming a Hispanic serving school (HSI) and the demography of Southern California, we are interested in a Dean who can help us increase our focus on the educational needs of Hispanic, Southeast Asian, and other underrepresented populations.
This is an exceptional leadership opportunity in the premier public university system in the world. The University of California, Irvine, one of the ten campuses in the University of California system, is one of sixty-two universities in the U.S. and Canada selected to membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities. University of California, Irvine is currently engaged in ambitious strategic planning and fundraising that will add to the campus's considerable resources.

Review of applications will begin on **August 24, 2015** and the search will remain open until the position is filled. Applications should include a cover letter with a statement of relevant experience and a vision for the School, curriculum vitae, and names of three or more references. A separate statement that addresses past and/or potential contributions to diversity, equity and inclusion should also be included in the application materials. We encourage electronic application submission; please click the online application link to begin the submission process: https://recruit.ap.uci.edu/apply/JPF03011

Nominations, expressions of interest and questions should be sent to jiwon@uci.edu.

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