An Invitation to Apply:
UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA, IRVINE
FOUNDING DEAN, NURSING SCIENCE

The University of California, Irvine (UCI) invites applications and nominations for the position of Director/Founding Dean, for the Program in Nursing Science. In light of a generous gift for a new nursing building, and organizational realignment to unify health sciences under the direction of the new Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, the university seeks an accomplished scholar to lead the current Program in Nursing Science to become the Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing. They will also be a part of an expanding health sciences enterprise composed of programs in nursing, public health, medicine, and pharmaceutical sciences, as well as UC Irvine Health, Orange County’s only elite academic medical center.

The Director/Founding Dean, Nursing Science will hold a full-time, fiscal-year appointment. Salary and benefits will be competitive, commensurate with the selected candidate’s background and experience and may include access to faculty housing. The selected candidate will work both with the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor and with the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and CEO of the UCI Health System. At UCI the chief academic officer is the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, who has responsibility for the university's academic and research mission, and who (under the direction of the chancellor) has ultimate administrative authority on budgetary allocations, academic program quality and development, and academic personnel decisions. In order to ensure focused coordination of the clinical, academic, and research components of all aspects of UCI Health, the founding dean will report on a day-to-day basis to the Vice Chancellor of Health Affairs and CEO of the UCI Health System. This is represented by a solid-line reporting relationship to the Vice Chancellor and a dotted line relationship to the Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor.

The ideal candidate will be a nationally recognized, strong, innovative, and highly collaborative leader, with a clear vision and roadmap for building the Program in Nursing Science into a school; he or she will be an experienced manager, able to deploy the assets of the program/school to maximum advantage to support and grow excellence across the landscape of the school’s faculty, staff, students, and programs. The candidate will have successful fund-raising experience with the ability to establish and maintain strong relationships with donors, will have a commitment to strong, prudent financial leadership, and will have excellent communication skills, including the ability to represent the school in an increasingly complex healthcare environment.
The candidate must have an earned research-focused doctorate, a scholarly record commensurate with appointment to the Full Professor rank at the University of California, Irvine, a graduate degree in nursing, national and international prominence in academic nursing, and eligibility for licensure as a Registered Nurse in the state of California. The successful candidate will initially be appointed Director of the Program in Nursing Science; once the program has achieved school status, the Director will then be appointed Dean of the Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing.

**TO APPLY:**

The executive search firm, The Hollander Group, has been retained by UCI to assist in this recruitment. Applications, comprising cover letter and curriculum vitae, as well as nominations and inquiries, should be submitted electronically to info@thehollandergroup.net. A separate statement that addresses past and/or potential contributions to diversity, equity and inclusion should also be included in the application materials. Review will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. For full consideration, interested persons are encouraged to apply early.

*The University of California, Irvine is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer advancing inclusive excellence. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, protected veteran status, or other protected categories covered by the UC nondiscrimination policy.*