Location
Tempe campus, Arizona, United States

Director, School of Biological and Health Systems Engineering

The Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering (Fulton Schools or FSE) at Arizona State University (ASU) seeks a highly accomplished scholar and strategic leader as director of the School of Biological and Health Systems Engineering (SBHSE). SBHSE’s biomedical engineering degree programs (BSE, MS and PhD) and use-inspired research focus on discoveries of foundational value and translational impact, innovating multidisciplinary solutions to global health challenges and leveraging partnerships with clinical collaborators. The director has the opportunity to lead the school in advancing its vision of becoming a leading biomedical engineering program that engineers novel solutions to improve human health and provides unique interdisciplinary training for the next generation of biomedical engineers.

The director of the school reports to the dean of the Fulton Schools of Engineering and will be the academic and administrative leader of SBHSE. The director is responsible for visioning, strategic planning, operations, finance, academic affairs, external relations and development. These activities include working with faculty and staff to recruit and retain high quality students, hiring and developing faculty, supervising support staff, catalyzing opportunities for externally funded research, fundraising and development and building strong interactions with industry, local, state and federal agencies and the greater healthcare community of Phoenix. Candidates will be qualified for appointment at the rank of full professor.

One of the nation’s top public universities and ranked #1 in innovation by U.S. News & World Report, ASU is well underway in its bold reinvention of higher education as the New American University. ASU has strong and simultaneous commitments to educational access, research and teaching excellence and assumes significant responsibility for the cultural, social and economic vitality of its surrounding communities in the metropolitan Phoenix region and beyond.

One of the fastest growing academic research enterprises in the U.S., ASU has created a vibrant environment of discovery, interdisciplinary research and innovation focused on addressing society’s greatest challenges. Its research expenditures have nearly tripled over the last decade, totaling $618 million last year. ASU is well on its way to expanding the university’s research enterprise to over $800 million in annual activity by 2025. The Fulton Schools of Engineering play a pivotal role in this continued expansion.

For additional information about Arizona State University, the Fulton Schools of Engineering, and this leadership opportunity, please review the search profile:
Qualifications and desired attributes for the Director of the School of Biological and Health Systems Engineering

ASU seeks a school director with the following minimum and desired qualifications, professional experiences and attributes:

Minimum Qualifications

- An MD or PhD in biomedical engineering or related field and a distinguished record of teaching and research appropriate for appointment at the rank of professor with tenure in any of the seven Fulton schools.
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion that align with upholding the ASU Charter*.
- Demonstrated leadership excellence of people, programs and resources within a complex organization.
- Demonstrated record of leading extramural funded projects with an emphasis on institutional center and/or training grants.
- Strong interpersonal skills and relationship management capabilities; ability to interact with and engage diverse internal and external constituencies.

Desired Qualifications

- An innovative, curious and creative thinker who will leverage the Fulton Schools of Engineering’s foundational strength and institutional resources, while developing and advancing a clear vision for the growth and transformational impact of the School of Biological and Health Systems Engineering that represents the school’s breadth.
- Demonstrated experience with development and deployment of innovative pedagogy and/or online education initiatives.
- Leadership style that energizes and inspires others and fosters clear communication, collaboration and a respectful and collegial work environment.

Applications and Nominations

Review of applications will begin December 6, 2021; if not filled, reviews will occur on the 1st and 15th of the month thereafter until the search is closed. To apply for this position, candidates are requested to submit the following to: ASUDirectorSBHSE@agbsearch.com.

- Cover letter that describes your interest in and qualifications for the director position (two pages maximum)
- Curriculum vitae
• Vision statement for the School of Biological and Health Systems Engineering
• Diversity statement* (two pages maximum)
• Contact information for three references (to be contacted with permission at a later date)
• *The ASU Charter states, “ASU is a comprehensive public research university, measured not by whom it excludes, but by whom it includes and how they succeed; advancing research and discovery of public value; and assuming fundamental responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the communities it serves.” The diversity statement provides applicants an opportunity to demonstrate their past and current activities in promoting diversity, equity and inclusion and how future activities will align with upholding the ASU Charter. All individuals who can strengthen the diversity of our academic community are encouraged to apply.

Nominations and expressions of interest are encouraged. Please direct them to the AGB search consultants listed below.

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(See https://www.asu.edu/aad/manuals/acd/acd401.html and https://www.asu.edu/title IX/.)

In compliance with federal law, ASU prepares an annual report on campus security and fire safety programs and resources. ASU's Annual Security and Fire Safety Report is available online at https://www.asu.edu/police/PDFS/ASU-Clery-Report.pdf. You may request a hard copy of the report by contacting the ASU Police Department at 480-965-3456.