

The WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho) Medical Education Program Director Vacancy Announcement

The University of Idaho (UI) invites nominations and applications for a dynamic, visionary director whose collaborative leadership will advance the opportunities for medical student education in the largely rural state of Idaho. The WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho) Medical Education Program is the regional medical education program of the University of Washington School of Medicine (UWSOM) in Idaho. Started in 1972, it is currently in its 41st year of successfully educating Idaho's physicians. The WWAMI program is nationally accredited through its partnership with UWSOM, and currently twenty-five Idaho medical students complete their first year of medical training at the UI in Moscow, ID.

WWAMI functions as an interdepartmental program, with faculty maintaining their principle academic tenure home in one of the UI colleges while providing teaching and service through WWAMI. The interdepartmental faculty hires and their corresponding distribution of duties and credit are opportunities for joint affiliations that are the exception and not the norm. The director reports to the Provost and Executive Vice President at the UI and to the Vice Dean of Academic Affairs of UWSOM and works closely with the Vice Dean for Regional Affairs.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

The director is responsible for administering a first year medical education curriculum at UI; coordinating the curriculum with UWSOM; encouraging a productive and externally funded research environment for faculty; guiding and counseling of first year medical students; and budgeting funds allocated to the programs from state, private and federal sources. The director is primarily responsible for assuring the excellence of the first year medical school program; actively participating in teaching the first year medical school courses; and promoting research and other scholarly activities with the opportunity to continue an active research program and participate in graduate education. The director will work closely with the WWAMI clinical education office in Idaho and with the Idaho Area Health Education Center. Additionally, the director will continue and extend outreach activities in K-12 programs and pre-medical clinical opportunities. Finally, the director will work with an advocacy team to promote WWAMI with stakeholders, including but not limited to medical communities, hospitals, state governors' offices, legislators, and public and private health care organizations in Idaho.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ph.D., M.D. or equivalent degree in a relevant field
- Experience in teaching medical students
- Demonstration of aptitude for management of budgets, personnel and other resources

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Demonstration of interest and ability to provide leadership in a regional medical education program
- Evidence of excellence in research including a record of external grant support
- Experience administering or working with a rural medical education program
- Experience in higher education

APPLICATION PROCESS AND SEARCH TIMELINE:

Completed applications should include: 1) an application letter that demonstrates your interest and commitment to leading this interdepartmental program in the spirit of excellence, and addresses the minimum and preferred qualifications relative to the job responsibilities described in this announcement, 2) a current curriculum vitae, and 3) the full contact information for five professional references. *References will be contacted after finalists are notified of their applicant status.*

To apply, applicants must complete the online application available at the University of Idaho's Human Resources site, <http://www.uidaho.edu/human-resources>. Additional information for candidates is available at the UI Provost and Executive Vice President site, <http://www.uidaho.edu/provost/deansearches/WWAMI-Director-Search>.

To receive first consideration, please submit all application materials by **November 16, 2013**. Following the initial review of the first consideration applicant pool, the job posting may be re-posted until the position is filled. The committee anticipates interviewing final candidates as soon as January 2014, and the preferred start date for the position is July 1, 2014.

****Applicants who are selected as possible finalists for the position must be able to pass a criminal background check.****

CONTACTS:

Questions regarding the position, search process, or candidate nominations may be directed to the search advisory committee chair, Dr. Joe Cloud, Interim Director of WWAMI, jcloud@uidaho.edu or (208) 885-6696, or the search coordinator and Assistant to the Director, Marlane Martonick, marlanem@uidaho.edu, or (208)-885-6696.

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