The University of Washington School of Medicine is seeking qualified candidates for Chair of the Department of Bioethics and Humanities. The position is full-time and tenured with appointment at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor.

The Department of Bioethics and Humanities has a forty year history of excellence in scholarly research and teaching. The Department’s original scholarly focus on the humanities has expanded over the past decade to include empirical research in bioethics, with a critical mass of externally-funded faculty investigators. The Department has responsibility for an undergraduate Minor in Bioethics and Humanities, a Bioethics Master’s Program, medical school and residency education, research integrity training, and a nationally recognized Summer Seminar in Health Care Ethics, which it has run successfully for 27 years.

The Department is a broad-based, inclusive community of scholars comprised of 12 regular faculty members, including 1 joint with Medicine and 1 joint with Philosophy. There are 24 adjunct faculty with primary appointments in Anesthesiology, Family Medicine, Medicine, Pediatrics, Rehabilitation Medicine, and Psychiatry, as well as in the Schools of Law, Nursing, Public Health, and Arts & Sciences. In addition, there are 14 affiliated faculty from institutions around the country.

Candidates for this critical leadership position should have an ability to be motivated by, able to thrive in, and eager to contribute to a diverse, intellectually stimulating, multidisciplinary environment and must have accomplishments in the following areas:

1. A national reputation with academic expertise in or related to bioethics scholarship and teaching
2. The demonstrated ability to promote and advance departmental excellence through leadership experience in the administration of academic programs and assuming fiduciary responsibilities
3. A track record of securing research funding
4. The ability to teach and mentor students, trainees, and faculty effectively
5. Academic experience within a medical or scientific research environment

Individuals are invited to visit the Department website: depts.washington.edu/bhdept/

To apply or to request additional information, please contact:
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Applications will be reviewed January 2, 2014 and forward until the position is filled. Inquiries about the position can be directed to Dr. Veith at 206.543.3752 or rcv@uw.edu.

Candidates must hold a terminal doctoral level degree such as an MD, PhD, DO, JD or foreign equivalent. The position could include a clinical component depending on the interests of the selected candidate. If clinically active the candidate must be eligible for a Washington State professional license. And, in order to be eligible for University sponsorship for an H-1B visa, graduates of foreign (non-U.S.) medical schools must show successful completion of all three steps of the U.S. Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE), or equivalent as determined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. University of Washington faculty engage in teaching, research and service. The University of Washington is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer that is building a culturally diverse faculty and strongly encourages applications from women, minorities, individuals with disability, and protected veterans.
The Department of Bioethics & Humanities (B&H) comprises a multi-disciplinary core faculty who, along with 38 adjunct and affiliate, collaborate in activities of the Department. We offer a broad range of expertise in clinical ethics, research ethics, empirical research, and the humanities.

**Education**

**Masters of Arts in Bioethics:** Our flexible 2-year program provides students with the foundational knowledge, skills, and experience to enrich their careers and broaden their competency in bioethics. The program offers training in research, clinical, and population health aspects of bioethics as well as empirical and normative methods of analysis. Students have the opportunity to study with diverse and well-respected faculty from the UW, the Treuman Katz Pediatric Bioethics Center, and the Seattle Veteran’s Health Administration. The program helps prepare students to teach, publish, and conduct research that incorporates bioethical analysis.

**Undergraduate Minor:** The Minor serves undergraduate students who are pursuing careers in the health sciences and health professions. Courses address ethical issues in the practice of health care and the conduct of health sciences research and provide students with an appreciation of the history, philosophy, and culture of medicine and the health sciences.

**Medical Students:** Faculty offer medical student training in clinical ethics and professionalism on the University of Washington campus and throughout the WWAMI region (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho) served by the University of Washington School of Medicine.

**Medical Residents:** Faculty teach an ethics curriculum to medical residents and fellows that provides foundational case-based training in clinical ethics and professionalism.

**Research Ethics Training:** The department coordinates required training in the responsible conduct of research for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows through the Department’s Biomedical Research Integrity (BRI) lecture series and discussion groups.

**Summer Seminar in Health Care Ethics:** Core and adjunct faculty collaborate to offer an annual one-week program. This program, now in its 27th year, provides participants an intensive, interactive introduction to case analysis of ethical problems in clinical practice. The seminar fosters practical skills and instruction to assist with bioethical issues that arise in clinical practice. It prepares participants to address clinical ethics concerns, and to assume leadership roles in clinical settings.

**Research and Collaboration**

The Department has a robust track record of excellence in bioethics research and medical humanities scholarship. Current projects address the ethical and policy implications of genetics, health disparities, informed consent, medical error, end of life care, justice in health, clinical & humanities scholarship. Current projects address the ethical and policy implications of genetics, health disparities, informed consent, medical error, end of life care, justice in health, clinical & humanities scholarship. Current projects address the ethical and policy implications of genetics, health disparities, informed consent, medical error, end of life care, justice in health, clinical & humanities scholarship. Current projects address the ethical and policy implications of genetics, health disparities, informed consent, medical error, end of life care, justice in health, clinical & humanities scholarship. Current projects address the ethical and policy implications of genetics, health disparities, informed consent, medical error, end of life care, justice in health, clinical & humanities scholarship.

The Department is home to the Center for Genomics and Healthcare Equality (CGHE), an NIH-funded Center of Excellence in ELSI Research. The Center addresses the ethical, legal and social factors that influence the translation of genetic information to improved human health. It promotes interdisciplinary work to evaluate the clinical integration of genomic information and technologies, and the role of genetic technologies in improving health outcomes and influencing healthcare equity.

In addition, faculty members are active in collaborative efforts at the University including the UWMC Ethics Advisory Committee, the Institute for Translational Health Sciences, the Institute for Public Health Genetics (IPHG), and the Program on Values in Society.

**Additional partnerships and collaborations**

- Treuman Katz Center for Pediatric Bioethics (Seattle Children’s)
- Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (FHRCR)
- Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (SCCA)
- National Center for Ethics in Health Care (Veterans Health Admin)
- Group Health Center for Health Studies
- Western Institutional Review Board (WIRB)

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