Michigan State University
Department Chair
Computer Science Engineering

Michigan State University (MSU) invites nominations and applications for the position of Chair of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) in the College of Engineering, with a preferred starting date of August 16, 2017.

The CSE department has a strong research and educational program that is renowned for its multidisciplinary nature. The Chair of CSE will oversee department operations, personnel and resources. The Chair will advance the departmental vision of academic leadership and excellence, and will represent the department to academia, industry and government for its continued vitality. The Chair will actively work with faculty in the department and across the university to identify and pursue innovations in research, education, and service. The Chair will be actively involved in strategic planning that would expand the influence of the department in the broader academic community both within and outside the university, and will promote diversity within the department and the institution.

The Department has 31 tenure system faculty members and 5 teaching specialists, including a National Academy of Engineering member and 9 NSF CAREER awardees. The Department has strong research programs in all major areas of Computer Science and Engineering, with an annual research expenditure of over $7M. The department has accredited B.S. degree programs in Computer Science and Computer Engineering. There are currently over 140 graduate students and 1,100 undergraduate students in the department. Department faculty are actively involved in several national-level centers, including BEACON, an NSF Center that is headquartered at MSU for the study of evolution in action.

MSU enjoys a park-like campus with outlying research facilities and natural areas. The campus is adjacent to the city of East Lansing and the capital city of Lansing. The Lansing metropolitan area has a diverse population of approximately 470,000. Local communities have excellent school systems and place a high value on education. Michigan State University is pro-active in exploring opportunities for employment for dual career couples, both inside and outside the University. Information about MSU’s dual career support can be found at http://miwin.msu.edu/. Information about WorkLife at MSU and the College of Engineering can be found at http://www.egr.msu.edu/WE.

The successful candidate must have an earned PhD in Computer Science or a closely related field, and be qualified to receive an annual appointment at the rank of Full Professor with tenure. The candidate should have a distinguished track record of research, class-room teaching, student mentorship, and funding from diverse sources. The candidate must provide evidence of scientific and organizational leadership, educational innovation, and have outstanding communication, interpersonal, and administrative skills.

Interested individuals should submit an application for this position through: http://jobs.msu.edu/ and refer to position #4095. Applicants must submit a cover letter summarizing qualifications and leadership approach, a vision statement for the department, a detailed curriculum vita, and the names and contact information of five references. Applications will be reviewed on a continuing basis until the position is filled. For full consideration, applications should be received before December 1st, 2016. Nominations or questions are welcome by contacting the search committee chair at cse-chair-search@cse.msu.edu.

Additional information about the university, college and department is available at:

MSU has been advancing the common good with uncommon will for more than 160 years. A member of the Association of American Universities, MSU is a research-intensive institution with 17 degree-granting colleges. MSU is an affirmative-action, equal opportunity employer. MSU is committed to achieving excellence through a diverse workforce and inclusive culture that encourages all people to reach their full potential. The university actively encourages applications and/or nominations of women, persons of color, veterans, and persons with disabilities.