About the Opportunity

North Carolina State University (NC State) is seeking a visionary, innovative and progressive leader to serve as the Director of the Operations Research Graduate Program (OR). The interdisciplinary NC State OR Graduate Program (https://www.or.ncsu.edu/) is a vibrant and nationally recognized graduate program established in 1970. It is a joint graduate program shared by the College of Engineering and the College of Sciences at NC State University. The faculty who teach OR courses, supervise OR students, and administer the program have their academic appointments in over 20 departments, not only in the colleges of engineering and sciences but also in the colleges of management, forestry, and textiles. The program offers three graduate degrees: the Master of Operations Research (MOR) degree, the Master of Science (MSc) degree in Operations Research, and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Operations Research.

The Director will formulate and guide the strategic and tactical vision and direction of the program and is responsible for leading all aspects of the OR program. The successful candidate should be internationally recognized as a leader in the field of operations research; exhibit in-depth knowledge of emerging research areas and teaching needs; have a strong track record of developing and implementing innovative research and education programs and attracting external funding; and have experience building internal (across departments and colleges) and external partnerships. The successful candidate should demonstrate the ability to administer a diverse program and must have excellent leadership, mentoring, and communication skills and promote a positive work environment.

The director position reports to the Deans of the Colleges of Engineering and Sciences. The position’s focus includes advancement of an innovative research and academic vision for the OR program, management of OR-related teaching activities by the numerous OR-affiliated faculty, and coordination of students in the OR graduate program. The ideal candidate is expected to qualify for appointment at the level of a tenured Professor (in one or more departments) and, in addition to serving as Director, to remain active in research and teaching.

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Search Specifics

The Nominating Committee invites applications to be submitted online at https://jobs.ncsu.edu (position #00000504). Applications should include a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three professional references. Confidential review of materials will begin December 1, 2017, and will continue until the appointment is made. For additional information please visit: https://ess.hr.ncsu.edu/current-searches/. Any inquiries or nominations can be provided to Justin Lang, Director, Executive Search Services at jdlang2@ncsu.edu or (919) 513-1963.
About NC State

NC State was founded with a purpose: to create economic, societal, and intellectual prosperity for the people of North Carolina and the country. We began as a land-grant institution teaching the agricultural and mechanical arts. Today NC State is a pre-eminent research and teaching leader that excels in agriculture, design, engineering, humanities, math, science, social sciences, technology, textiles, and veterinary medicine. NC State students, faculty, and staff take problems in hand and work with industry, government, and nonprofit partners to solve them.

Our 34,000-plus students apply what they learn in the real world by conducting research, working in internships and co-ops, and performing acts of world-changing service. That experiential education ensures they graduate ready to lead the workforce, confident in the knowledge that NC State consistently rates as one of the best values in higher education.

Whether it’s Princeton Review ranking NC State among the nation’s best values for universities or one of 81 nationwide “Colleges with a Conscience,” NC State has many reasons to be proud. And Princeton Review is not alone. Kiplinger’s Personal Finance ranked NC State University 12th and U.S. News & World Report ranked the university among the top 10 best values in public higher education.

About Raleigh and North Carolina

North Carolina is one of the fastest-growing states in America. A leading state in diversity and a top spot for young professionals and families, Raleigh is nationally recognized as a city on the rise:

No. 1 among the top 10 best cities for jobs (CNN Money, 2015)

No. 3 among the best places for business and careers (Forbes, 2016)

No. 5 among the best midsize U.S. metro areas for college students (American Institute for Economic Research, 2017)

No. 5 among best U.S. cities for raising a family (Forbes, 2017)

No. 6 among America’s best cities for young professionals (Forbes, 2017)

With Durham and Chapel Hill, Raleigh anchors the Research Triangle, a national hotspot for high-tech enterprise. The top companies in the region — including IBM, Cisco Systems, SAS Institute, Biogen Idec and GlaxoSmithKline — are among the country’s best employers. NC State also has strong agricultural partnerships with Bayer, BASF, and Syngenta. They also lead the way in hiring new NC State graduates. Celebrating its 130th year in 2017, NC State continues to make its founding purpose a reality. Every day our career-ready graduates and world-leading faculty make the fruits of learning and discovery available to people across the state, throughout the nation, and around the world.
NC State University is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability. In addition, NC State University welcomes all persons without regard to sexual orientation. The University welcomes the opportunity to work with candidates to identify suitable employment opportunities for spouses or partners.