Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Head of the Department of Consumer Science in the College of Health and Human Sciences at Purdue University. The position will be available July 1, 2017 with a five-year renewable term reporting to the Dean of the College of Health & Human Sciences. The Head will provide leadership, vision, and serve as a facilitator for departmental research and scholarship, and educational activities. In addition, the Head is responsible for fiscal management of the department, personnel issues, faculty/staff development, and advocacy for the Department to the College, University, and larger community.

We are looking for an academic leader and scholar with strong commitment to the discovery, learning, and engagement missions of the department. Applicants should have scholarly credentials commensurate with the rank of a tenured full professor. A PhD is required in a relevant discipline. Field of specialization is open. Desirable attributes include a strong record of published research and external funding as well as prior experience in academic administration, undergraduate and graduate education, and development. The successful candidate will be someone with excellent communication skills who values and promotes diversity.

The Department: The Department of Consumer Science (www.purdue.edu/hhs/csr) is a diverse department with 14 full-time research/tenure track faculty. The Department awards BS, MS and PhD degrees and currently has 430 undergraduates, and 21 MSc/PhD students. Research is conducted in Consumer Behavior, Family and Consumer Economics, and Health Disparities, and a Health Disparities Concentration is being developed at the graduate level. At the undergraduate level there are three majors: Selling and Sales Management, Retail Management, and Financial Counseling and Planning. Also there are two Professional Centers in the Department: The Center for Professional Selling and the Center for Excellence in Consumer Leadership.

The College: The Department of Consumer Science is an integral part of the College of Health and Human Sciences (www.purdue.edu/hhs/). Our college prepares scholars, develops leaders, translates theory to practice, and advances knowledge of human behavior, health, and quality of life. The College is deeply committed to the land-grant mission (teaching, research, and engagement), to international activities and perspectives that span all missions, and to supporting a diverse and inclusive environment focused on excellence. The College has nine academic units and is the home of the Master of Public Health program. The College includes 219 faculty, 4,900 undergraduate students, and more than 525 graduate students. Purdue is an ADVANCE institution (http://www.purdue.edu/discoverypark/advance).

Application Procedure: Review of applications will begin January 1, 2017 and will continue until the position is filled. Applicants should submit the following: a letter of interest indicating relevant experience and qualifications, statements of research, teaching, and leadership philosophy, complete curriculum vitae, and a list of names of at least three references. Materials should be sent electronically to Professor Richard Ghiselli (ghiselli@purdue.edu), Chair of the search committee. Initial nominations and inquiries will be kept confidential; references will be contacted only upon the applicant’s approval. Nominations of potential candidates for the position are welcome. A background check is required for employment in this position. Questions regarding the position may be sent to Professor Richard Ghiselli at (765) 496-2636 (ghiselli@purdue.edu).

Purdue University is an EOE/AA employer. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and protected veterans are encouraged to apply.