Director, Purdue Policy Research Institute, Discovery Park, Purdue University

Purdue Policy Research Institute (PPRI) Summary

Purdue University invites applications and nominations for the position of Director of the Purdue Policy Research Institute (PPRI) in Purdue’s Discovery Park. Launched in 2010, PPRI (https://www.purdue.edu/discoverypark/ppri/) enhances the visibility and impact of Purdue University's strengths in policy-related research, education, service, and outreach. PPRI facilitates collaboration among faculty and students to produce new ideas and research, and supports faculty teams in incorporating policy into their projects. PPRI is intended to integrate across the University to promote synergies in learning, discovery and engagement to inform public policy at the local, state, national, and global levels. Discovery Park – where disciplines Converge to Solve Global Challenges – is internationally recognized as a leader in interdisciplinary research, distinguished by a convergence of physical, life, and engineering sciences, along with data science, advanced digital technologies as well as social sciences and humanities.

Responsibilities

The Director of PPRI is responsible for defining and executing the overall mission and vision of the Institute and serve as a catalyst for novel research areas and teams, and the growth and success of interdisciplinary research teams with a policy focus both within and outside their own particular area of expertise. The Director is an active participant in PPRI-sponsored activities (research projects, courses, lectures, etc.) and is responsible for establishing new links with external partners, and building on existing relationships to establish PPRI and Purdue as a policy research resource of practice-relevant, evidence-based research, and an innovative learning environment. The Director is also responsible for leading PPRI fundraising and development activities to support critical PPRI programmatic priorities. The Director provides leadership related to opportunity capture and evaluation, and relationship management of internal and external stakeholders. The Director interacts routinely with Purdue’s Discovery Park Center Directors and staff, the Executive Vice President for Research and Partnerships, College Deans, and faculty leaders conducting research across the University. The position of PPRI Director is at least a 50% and up to a 75% time appointment. PPRI has a dedicated suite of offices with meeting space, student and support staff, undergraduate student fellows, faculty affiliates, and internal and external advisory committees.

Qualifications

Candidates must show a commitment to teaching and hold a tenured Associate or Full faculty position with demonstrated leadership, academic scholarship, and expertise, interest, and/or experience in public policy and transdisciplinary collaboration with a distinguished record of excellence in research, teaching, and/or engagement. We are also seeking a recognized program builder who can collaborate with faculty and the executive leadership of Discovery Park and the University to make PPRI prominent nationally and globally.

Application Procedure

To receive full consideration, submit a letter of interest that outlines qualifications for the position and a curriculum vitae. Finalists will be asked to submit a one-page vision statement. Full review of applications will commence March 22, 2019; applications will be accepted until the position is filled. A background check is required for employment in this position.
Purdue University’s Discovery Park Administration is committed to advancing diversity in all areas of faculty effort, including scholarship, instruction, and engagement. Candidates should address at least one of these areas in their cover letter, indicating their past experiences, current interests or activities, and/or future goals to promote a climate that values diversity and inclusion.

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