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Announcing an Executive Search
for the
**The William Craig Nystul Eminent
Scholar Chair of Computer Science**
Pensacola, Florida

William Craig Nystul Eminent Scholar Chair of Computer Science Search



The Department of Computer Science, housed in the Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering at the **University of West Florida**, invites applications and nominations for the **William Craig Nystul Eminent Scholar Chair of Computer Science**. The holder of the William Craig Nystul Eminent Scholar Chair of Computer Science (Eminent Scholar) will be a senior scientist and researcher responsible for performing high-level research, obtaining extramural funding, mentoring computer science faculty, and teaching advanced topics in computer science.

Individuals who work in all areas of Computer Science at the rank of Associate or Full Professor are encouraged to apply. The appointment is expected to begin in August 2017.



The Opportunity

The University of West Florida is committed to delivering an optimal mix of high-quality programs to meet regional and national needs. UWF is building on its strengths through strategic planning and investment in

innovative instruction, high-quality faculty, and relevant scholarship to move academic and research programs to greater levels of quality, relevance, and distinction.

In the university's *2012-2017 Strategic Plan*, teaching and research are a priority.

This appointment is reflective of this commitment to investing strategically to support innovative instruction and high-quality, relevant, and distinctive academic and research programs.

The Eminent Scholar Chair

The university awards an Eminent Scholar Chair to a scholar in recognition of excellent past performance and with the expectation of future exemplary performance. In addition to the honor bestowed to the holder of the position, the Eminent Scholar will have access to endowment funds that support the holder's research, teaching, and service efforts.

In addition to the possibility of new avenues of research that might be initiated, the Eminent Scholar will have the opportunity to mentor and collaborate in already existing areas of research being conducted in the department. The already established research areas are broadly: artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, software engineering, and data analytics.

Additionally, the Computer Science Department is currently seeking approval for a Ph.D. program in Intelligent Systems and Robotics. The program will be offered in collaboration with the Institute for Human and Machine Cognition (IHMC), an internationally recognized research institute located in Pensacola, Florida.

In addition to teaching and research responsibilities commensurate with faculty in Ph.D. programs, the Eminent

Mission Statement

The University of West Florida (UWF) is a public university based in Northwest Florida with multiple instructional sites and a strong virtual presence. UWF's mission is to provide students with access to high-quality, relevant, and affordable undergraduate and graduate learning experiences; to transmit, apply, and discover knowledge through teaching, scholarship, research, and public service; and to engage in community partnerships that respond to mutual concerns and opportunities and that advance the economy and quality of life in the region.

UWF is committed to planning and investing strategically to enhance student access and educational attainment; to build on existing strengths and develop distinctive academic and research programs and services that respond to identified regional and state needs; and to support highly qualified faculty and staff who engage students in rigorous, high-impact, student-oriented learning experiences that enhance personal and professional development and empower alumni to contribute responsibly and creatively to a complex 21st Century global society.

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University of West Florida Vision Statement

The University of West Florida aspires to be widely recognized as a model of excellence and relevance, sought out as a distinctive intellectual and cultural center, valued as an engaged partner, and acclaimed for being “different by design.”

Scholar will have the opportunity to assist with the final phases of the development and approval process for a Ph.D. program in Intelligent Systems. This will include the hiring of new faculty for the program and the recruitment of doctoral students.

Employment-based visa sponsorship will be considered for this position.

Requirements

The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. in Computer Science or a closely related discipline from an accredited institution and a minimum of seven years of relevant experience in computer science research and education. Strong preference will be given to candidates who have attained national/international recognition for scholarship and creative achievements.

Other Qualifications

- Substantial research productivity, including successful pursuit of extramural funding
- Demonstrated leadership and excellence in computer science education
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Demonstrated ethical behavior, professionalism, and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated academic leadership and management abilities

Department of Computer Science

The Department of Computer Science at UWF offers a Bachelor of Science in Computer and Information Sciences, with four different specializations: Computer Science, Computer Information Systems, Software Engineering, and Cybersecurity. The department also offers a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology with three different specializations: Digital Enterprise, Information Technology, and Network Systems Operations.

At the graduate level, the department offers a Master of Science in Computer Science with three different specializations: Computer Science, Database Systems and Software Engineering. It also offers a Master of Science in Information Technology with two specializations: Cybersecurity and Database Management. All graduate specializations are offered online except for the Master of Science in Computer Science, Computer Science specialization.

Several minors are offered at the undergraduate level and several certificates, both at the undergraduate

and graduate levels, are available. Students in the Computer Science programs enjoy the personal attention of faculty members in all facets of their education.

The Department of Computer Science at UWF has state-of-the-art computer labs and classroom facilities. Successful candidates will find this to be a stimulating environment, conducive to professional growth and interdisciplinary collaborative research.

University of West Florida

Founded in 1963, the University of West Florida is a vibrant, distinctive institute of higher learning with undergraduate, graduate, and targeted research programs with multiple locations throughout Northwest Florida. Dr. Martha Saunders assumes the presidency of UWF on January 1, 2017, upon Dr. Judith Bense's retirement after eight years as President. Before her appointment, Dr. Saunders was Provost and Executive Vice President at UWF.

Under President Bense's distinguished leadership, UWF has built a solid network of community partners, identified regional



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the Department of Homeland Security.



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workforce needs, increased student residents and athletics, and strengthened academic programs so that students are prepared for future leadership.

With an enrollment of approximately 13,000, UWF has five academic colleges: College of Health, College of Business, Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering, College of Arts and Sciences, and College of Education and Professional Studies. UWF offers more than 45 undergraduate degree programs, 25 master's degree programs, two specialist degrees, and a doctorate in education. Though the majority of the student body is composed of traditional students, UWF also serves non-traditional students, especially through its very successful online programs.

Dedicated to helping students realize their full potential, UWF favors small class sizes with quality teacher-scholars who deliver personalized, hands-on learning, and leadership opportunities. The University offers a dynamic learning environment that inspires innovation, creativity, and collaboration and is focused on student success.

UWF serves students along the Panhandle of Florida. The University



Longtime UWF supporter Harold E. 'Hal' Marcus gave \$5 million to the College of Science and Engineering in January 2016.

has three locations: Pensacola, Emerald Coast, and Historic Pensacola.

The Pensacola Campus spans 1,600 acres and is located just minutes away from historic Pensacola and some of the world's best beaches. It features state-of-the-art facilities residence halls, and a beautiful landscape that offers a variety of recreational activities.

UWF serves students along the Emerald Coast through its Fort Walton Beach campus, Crestview Office, and Hurlburt Field Office. Catering to the needs of

traditional and non-traditional students, UWF Emerald Coast offers curriculums specifically for students who have earned 60 or more semester hours.

Managed by UWF Historic Trust, the University owns and operates 28 properties on 8.5 acres in historic downtown Pensacola, as well as the Arcadia Mill archeological site in Santa Rosa County. The properties include museums, centers, monuments, and sites, which serve as living laboratories for students interested in history, archaeology, and tourism fields. UWF Historic Trust is a non-profit direct support organization of the University that is dedicated to collecting, preserving, interpreting, and sharing the history of Northwest Florida.

The University has received numerous national rankings. The *Chronicle for Higher Education* has listed it in its "Great Colleges to Work For" issue five times since 2008.

UWF fields 15 men's and women's intercollegiate sports. The Argonauts are members of the Gulf South (East Division) of the NCAA Division II.

For more information, visit the UWF website at: www.uwf.edu



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Pensacola, Florida

The westernmost city in the Florida Panhandle, Pensacola's metropolitan area has a population of an estimated 461,000. With a rich and colorful history, the area offers an outstanding blend of historic resolve and cosmopolitan progress.

The area's popular white sand beaches provide great opportunities for swimming, surfing, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, and diving. Pensacola is home to a vibrant arts and culture scene, showcased at the Pensacola Museum of Art, Anna Lamar Switzer Center for Visual Arts, Museum of Commerce, Pensacola Lighthouse, Pensacola Historic Museum, Ballet Pensacola, and Pensacola Saenger Theatre. The city also hosts annual festivals, cultural events, and performances throughout the year.

Known as the "Cradle of Naval Aviation," Pensacola boasts American air and space history. The city is home to the first U.S. Naval Air Station, established in 1914, and the National Naval Aviation Museum.

Convenient to both I-10 and I-65, Pensacola is only three hours from Tallahassee, less than four hours from New Orleans, and approximately five hours from Atlanta.



Application and Nomination Process

Confidential inquiries are welcomed and nominations are invited.

1. To Apply - Applications must include:

- A letter of interest and a statement of research
- A current resume
- At least five references with full contact information, including email addresses (References will not be contacted without consent from applicants.)
- Your answers to the questions at:
<http://www.myersmcræ.com/skins/userfiles/file/UWF-MMQuestions.pdf>

2. Submit applications to: UWF@myersmcræ.com

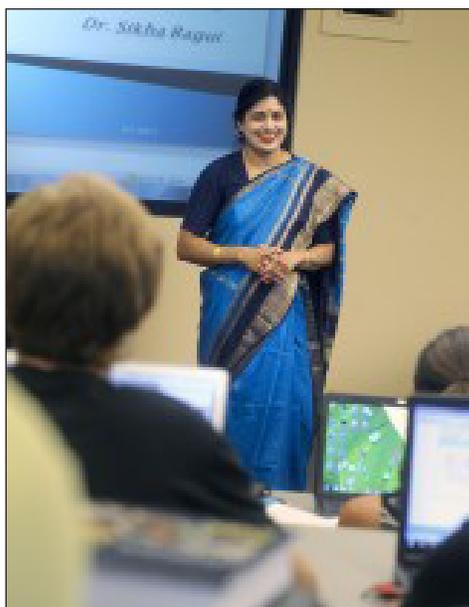
For best consideration, submit application materials by **February 28, 2017**.

Nominations should include contact information, including email, for the individual being nominated. **Submit nominations to: UWF-nominate@myersmcræ.com**

Alan Medders, President, and **Kenny Daugherty**, Executive Vice President, of **Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting** are assisting the University with this search.



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