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Inviting Applications and Nominations for the

Verna Adwell Rhodes Endowed Chair in Nursing



The **University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing** seeks an exceptional leader and nursing researcher to become the inaugural holder of the **Verna Adwell Rhodes Endowed Chair in Nursing**. This prestigious honor recognizes Dr. Rhodes who is a pioneer in oncology nursing research and is known as the “mother of oncology nursing symptom management and assessment.” Her work led to the development of 3 oncology assessment tools that are used in 23 countries around the world. The holder of the Verna Adwell Rhodes Endowed Chair in Nursing will report to the Associate Dean of Research. The start date is negotiable.



ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Established in 1839, the University of Missouri (Mizzou) is a flagship, land-grant institution and one of only 62 universities across the U.S. and Canada to be a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities. The University combines empathy, innovation, and hard work to solve the world's grand challenges. With 13 schools and colleges, Mizzou serves more than 31,000 students from all 50 states and over 100 countries and offers 300+ degree programs, including 97 undergraduate majors, 96 master's degrees, 69 doctoral degrees, and over 70 certificates.

Mizzou has 1,963 full-time faculty. Of the full-time, ranked faculty, 92.5 percent hold doctorates or the highest degree in their field. Among the faculty is Nobel Laureate George P. Smith, Curators' Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Biological Sciences, who earned the 2018 Nobel Prize in chemistry for developing phage display. His research has led to treatments for metastatic cancer and autoimmune diseases.

The Nursing faculty have extremely high scholarly productivity among all public nursing school members of the Association of American Universities (AAU)

with 16 Missouri faculty and emeriti faculty currently designated as fellows in the American Academy of Nursing. Dr. Marilyn Rantz, Curators' Professor Emerita, is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and holds four patents related to technology developed for TigerPlace, a one-of-a-kind Aging in Place project. In 2020, Dr. Rantz was named a Living Legend, the highest nursing honor given by the American Academy of Nursing.

Over the next five years, the University is investing in up to 150 new world-class faculty as part of its bold new initiative MizzouForward. This first-of-its-kind initiative is a transformational effort to strengthen innovation in research disciplines that will move the needle in the University's work to improve lives around the world—and it all begins with the right people. The Verna Adwell Rhodes Endowed Chair in Nursing is part of this search for exceptional investigators who can help address national health, scientific, and social priority areas through innovation and collaboration. See more at <https://provost.missouri.edu/mizzou-forward/>.

Mizzou is one of six universities in the U.S. with an academic health center and schools of nursing, medicine, health professions, veterinary medicine, law, engineering, and others all in one location. These leading-edge academic academies foster research from plants and animals to humans.

As part of its land grant mission, Mizzou Extension is a recognized leader in the U.S., the only one with a primary focus on health, education, and local economies in every county, and the only one with a formal partnership with an academic health center. MU Extension links the resources, education, and knowledge of the University of Missouri to the communities throughout the state and provides researchers an unparalleled pathway for translation of research to individuals, communities, and populations.

Committed to finding solutions, research is a priority. Home to the most powerful university research reactor in the country, Mizzou submitted \$389 million in research expenditures to the National Science Foundation for FY21. The University averages 100 new invention disclosures annually.

The University has 11 research centers, including The Missouri Center for Addiction Research and Engagement (MO-CARE), the Missouri Prevention Science Institute, and the Dalton Cardiovascular Research Center. Research at Mizzou has a \$5 billion impact on the Missouri economy.



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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

- College of Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- College of Arts and Science
- Robert J. Trulaske, Sr. College of Business
- College of Education and Human Development
- College of Engineering
- Graduate School
- School of Health Professions
- Honors College
- Missouri School of Journalism
- School of Law
- School of Medicine
- Sinclair School of Nursing
- College of Veterinary Medicine

OUR VALUES

RESPECT • We commit to acting ethically, welcoming difference and exchanging ideas openly.

RESPONSIBILITY • We are accountable to ourselves, each other, and the public we serve.

DISCOVERY • We foster the lifelong process of seeking knowledge and greater understanding.

EXCELLENCE • We reach for excellence through diligent effort and collaboration.





Architect's rendering of the new Sinclair School of Nursing building

THE OPPORTUNITY

The **University of Missouri** and **Sinclair School of Nursing** are seeking exceptional nursing faculty to move the University forward in national health and scientific priority areas related to its new NextGen Precision Health Initiative (<https://precisionhealth.missouri.edu/>). This health initiative unites the University of Missouri System's four public research universities, University of Missouri Health Care, MU Extension, and private partners toward a single goal: precision health solutions for society's toughest diseases.

To accelerate interdisciplinary collaboration, the research areas of the Verna Adwell Rhodes Endowed Chair in Nursing will include the following:

- *Oncology*
- *Neuroscience*
- *Cardiovascular and Metabolic Disorders*
- *Aging*
- *Maternal, Infant, and Child Health*
- *Health Services Research and Informatics*

The successful candidate for this endowed chair will be a research leader with a passion for interprofessional collaboration and the grit to address the world's most pressing research challenges. Devoted to teaching excellence and research innovation, this scholar will be expected to possess robust, collaborative, externally funded research programs.

Responsibilities & Qualifications

- Lead extramurally funded research programs.
- Train doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows.
- Provide academic service on campus and/or professionally.
- Contribute to one or more of the educational missions in undergraduate or graduate education.

Minimum Qualifications

- An earned doctorate in nursing or a related field
- Eligibility for licensure as a registered nurse in Missouri

Candidates will be evaluated on:

- Evidence of excellence in clinical and/or classroom teaching
- Demonstrated expertise in an area of nursing or expertise in a related substantive area
- Evidence of scholarly work
- Written and verbal communication skills to facilitate research and teaching
- Record of successful research with a strong record of peer-reviewed publications and national and/or international recognition
- Evidence of past research collaborations or a willingness to work in related research areas

Sinclair School of Nursing, A Great Place to Work

The Facility

- New \$30 million state-of-the-art building to be completed in August 2022
- A high-fidelity and immersive simulation center, advanced interactive classrooms, clinical skills and assessment labs, and a dedicated research and innovation suite
- Academic partnership bridge between nursing students, researchers, and MU Health Care

Notable Accomplishments and Rankings

- DNP program ranked #35 in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report* for 2022
- One of only 15 schools of nursing nationwide to have been awarded a National Institutes of Health-funded T32 Institutional Training Grant to support PhD students
- One of 13 programs in U.S. that offers an MS Care Management degree

- Only school of nursing offering a Graduate Certificate in Participatory Health Research
- Strategic, integrated, and operational partnership with MU Health Care and MU Hospital

Grants and Research

- Recipient of the two largest research grants in the history of MU with a combined total of \$34.6M from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to reduce hospitalization rates for nursing home residents and repayment model for facilities with lower hospitalization rates
- One of the few schools of nursing in U.S. to offer research and innovation facilities on-site

Students

- Undergraduate average GPA consistently the highest among all the MU schools and colleges
- Above national average certification pass rates for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse graduates (FNP, PNP, PMHNP, and AGCNS)
- Placement rate for nursing graduates ranges from 98% to 100% within weeks of graduating





Deidre Wipke-Tevis, PhD, RN **Associate Dean of Research**

Dr. Deidre Wipke-Tevis is the Associate Dean of Research, the Director of the PhD program, and an Associate Professor for the MU Sinclair School of Nursing. She has been the Principal Investigator (PI) on two National Institutes of Health-funded grants and one American Heart Association-funded grant. Her work has been significant in the field of microvascular function.

In addition to her own program of research, she also has been a co-investigator on three R01s and an R15 in the Sinclair School of Nursing and a T90/R90 Clinical Bio Detective Training Grant out of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology in the School of Medicine. Dr. Wipke-Tevis has a long history of successfully mentoring undergraduate, masters, DNP, and PhD students in research primarily related to foot, wound, and skin care issues; symptom experience in acute and chronic illness, and use of technology to predict pressure ulcer status and assess cardiovascular disorders.

Her collective body of work includes the science of pressure ulcer prevention and treatment; foot and venous leg ulcers; systemic oxygenation, perfusion, and ventilation in individuals with or at risk for chronic wounds, and acute and chronic illnesses and/or other cardiovascular disorders by examining symptoms such as cosmetic result, distress, drowsiness, edema, fatigue, mood disturbances, pain, and sleep disturbances.

DIVERSITY COMMITMENT

The University of Missouri is fully committed to achieving the goal of a diverse and inclusive academic community of faculty, staff, and students. We seek individuals who are committed to this goal and our core campus values of respect, responsibility, discovery, and excellence.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Equal opportunity is and shall be provided for all employees and applicants for employment on the basis of their demonstrated ability and competence without unlawful discrimination on the basis of their race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, protected veteran status, or any other status protected by applicable state or federal law. This policy shall not be interpreted in such a manner as to violate the legal rights of religious organizations, or the recruiting rights of military organizations associated with the Armed Forces or the Department of Homeland Security of the United States of America. For more information, call the Human Resource Services/Affirmative Action officer at 573-882-4256. To request ADA accommodations, please call the Disability Inclusion and ADA Compliance Manager at 573-884-7278.

VACCINATION STATEMENT

After careful consideration of COVID-19 virus trends and the overwhelming evidence of COVID-19 vaccine safety and effectiveness, the School of Medicine, along with MU Health Care, the Sinclair School of Nursing, and the School of Health Professions, requires COVID-19 vaccinations for all employees, unless granted a medical or religious exemption.

All new hires will be required to submit proof of vaccination prior to your start date. If you would like to request a medical or religious exemption, you must do so upon acceptance of employment so our team has time to review prior to your scheduled start date. You will not be allowed to begin work until you have submitted proof of vaccination or received an approved medical or religious exemption.

Thank you for helping us to create the safest environment possible for our colleagues, students, and our patients by protecting yourself and others through COVID-19 vaccination.



Columbia, Missouri

Located midway between Missouri's largest metro areasm, St. Louis and Kansas City, Columbia combines small-town comforts, community spirit, and an affordable cost of living with big-city culture, activities, and resources, such as state-of-the art healthcare facilities. The highly educated work force has resulted in a vibrant business community. *Money* magazine, *Fortune* magazine, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Men's Journal*, MSN.com, and others have all named Columbia one of the best places in the country to live.

With 120,000 residents calling it home, Columbia has nationally recognized public schools including two top-ranked high schools and additional colleges and educational centers besides Mizzou. The American Institute for Economic Research ranked it as one of the nation's top 10 college towns.

The city is packed with restaurants and entertainment venues. The award-winning Columbia Parks & Recreation Department maintains over 42 parks and recreation facilities on more than 2,000 acres including Twin Lakes Recreation Area, Rainbow Softball Center, MKT Nature & Fitness Trail, Battle Park Martin Luther King Memorial Amphitheater, Nifong Park, Grindstone Nature Area, and Capen Park. There are sports leagues for all ages including softball, soccer, and volleyball.

Festivals are popular activities with more than a dozen cultural festivals held annually. From airshows and crafts shows to the blues and BBQ, these festivals highlight the best of what Columbia has to offer for fun, family, and cultural events.

Application & Nomination Process

Confidential inquiries are welcomed, and nominations are invited.

Applications

- 1) Application packet must include:
 - a) A letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and qualifications of the position
 - b) Curriculum vitae
 - c) One-page summary of research accomplishments with two pages of future plans
 - d) At least four references with full contact information including e-mails (*References will not be contacted without consent from applicant.*)
- 2) **Submit application packet (preferably as PDFs) to Missouri-NursingChair@myersmcrac.com. Review of applications is underway.** Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Additional information will be requested upon receipt of application.

Nominations

Submit nominations to:
Missouri-NursingChair-nominate@myersmcrac.com
 with complete contact and e-mail information for the individual being nominated.

Jennifer Barfield, Senior Vice President, and **Emily Parker Myers**, CEO, of Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting, are assisting the University of Missouri with this search. Request a conversation regarding this search at jenniferbarfield@myersmcrac.com.

