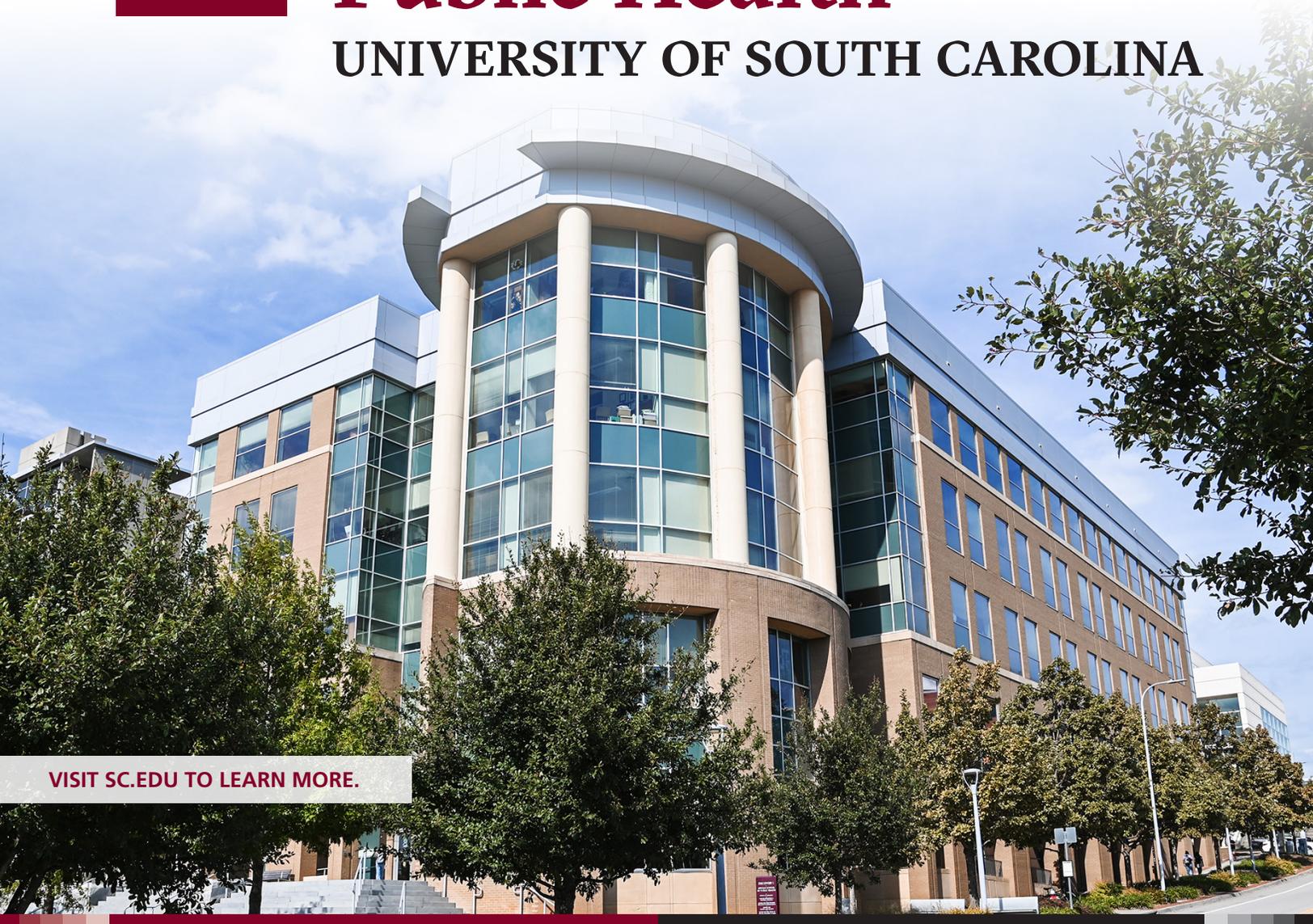




# Arnold School of Public Health

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA



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*Inviting Applications and Nominations for*

## Dean of the Arnold School of Public Health





The **University of South Carolina (USC)**, a globally recognized public research university and flagship institution of the University System of South Carolina, invites applications for **Dean of the Arnold School of Public Health**. The anticipated start date is July 2024.

*The University of South Carolina is among the top 100 best employers in the U.S., according to Forbes Magazine.*

# ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The primary mission of the University of South Carolina Columbia is the education of the state's citizens through teaching, research, creative activity, and community engagement. Among America's oldest and most comprehensive public universities, the University of South Carolina Columbia is the major research institution of the university system and its largest campus. At the heart of its mission lies the university's responsibility to the state and society to promote the dissemination of knowledge, cultural enrichment, and an enhanced quality of life.

The University of South Carolina Columbia serves a diverse population of students with widely varying backgrounds, career goals, and levels of aspiration. The University offers more than 320 degrees at the bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and professional program levels, affording students the most comprehensive array of educational programs in the state. Opportunities for personal and career development are provided to the citizens of South Carolina through outreach and continuing education activities. The University provides additional opportunities for associate degrees through Fort Jackson and through the oversight of regional Palmetto College campuses (Lancaster, Salkehatchie, Sumter, and Union).

Through classroom and laboratory instruction delivered in a variety of face-to-face and distance learning formats and modalities, degree programs are offered in the following areas: arts and sciences; business; education; engineering and computing; hospitality, retail, and sport management; information and communications; law; medicine; music; nursing; pharmacy; public health; and social work. The depth and breadth of its graduate programs distinguishes the University of South Carolina Columbia from all other institutions of higher learning in South Carolina.

Recognized by the Carnegie Foundation as a top research and community engaged institution, nationally ranked in start-up businesses, and conferring more than 30% of all bachelor's and graduate degrees awarded at public institutions in South Carolina, the University has a profound relevance, reach, and impact on the people of the state. As the flagship institution of the university system, the University of South Carolina Columbia leads the way in providing all students with the highest-quality education, including the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for success and responsible citizenship in a complex and changing world through engagement in nationally and internationally ranked research, scholarship, community outreach, and artistic creation.

## The Arnold School of Public Health

Established in 1975 as the 19th CEPH-accredited school of public health in the nation, the Arnold School of Public Health (ASPH) at the University of South Carolina continues to experience record enrollments with major sustained growth in student enrollments (~3400 in 2024), state funding for service and outreach projects, and nationally-competitive research funding (\$50.3M in 2023).

The ASPH is now fifth in the US for NIH funding among schools of public health at state-supported universities. The School has a broad range of academic programs, world-renowned areas of research expertise and far-reaching centers and community programs.

The Arnold School of Public Health is improving public health by preparing future scholars and the public health work force through meaningful practice experiences as well as conducting, translating, and disseminating groundbreaking research findings.

The School's six departments published more than 760 peer-reviewed journal articles in 2022 and are home to nationally-recognized faculty, award-winning programs and students, and impactful research and community engagement activities.

For the past 10 years, the exercise science program has been ranked in the US top-five sports science programs by the Shanghai QS rankings, with a robust PhD program ranked as top three by the National Association of Kinesiology for the past 15 years.

In 2000, Columbia business leader Norman J. Arnold and his wife, Gerry Sue, gifted \$10 million to create an endowment to support the teaching, research and public education efforts of the School. The Arnold School became the third named school of public health in the U.S. and the first at a public institution to have this honor.

The Arnolds' dedication to improving health for all populations is further evident through their generous continuing gifts to the Arnold School. The Norman J. Arnold Endowment, established with their initial gift, supports the Arnold Doctoral Fellowship program to recruit and support top doctoral students in the School's funded research activities. In 2015, the Arnolds pledged an additional \$7 million to create the Gerry Sue and Norman J. Arnold Institute on Aging. The new Institute supports a broad range of center-level activities leveraged with funding, such as that of the National Institutes of Health, to address issues across the lifespan such as childhood obesity prevention, nutrition and food safety, stroke recovery, and dementia, that affect our most vulnerable populations—children and the elderly.

The Arnold School of Public Health is the primary public health research and education resource in South Carolina with a nearly 50-year history of impact. It is the only School of Public Health in South Carolina and as such works closely with our state's public and mental health agencies. The School's work is guided by the following vision, mission, goals and values.



### ASPH Vision

Improved population health...  
statewide and worldwide.

### ASPH Mission

The Arnold School of Public Health will improve population health and well-being by fostering innovative education, research, and practice that promotes health and healthy environments. The Arnold School will use that knowledge and experience to promote prevention and effective response to disease, disability, and environmental degradation in diverse communities.



# THE OPPORTUNITY

Applications are invited for the position of **Dean of the Arnold School of Public Health**. This position reports to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. The position is expected to begin on July 1, 2024. Applicants are expected to be tenured, full-time faculty members at the rank of professor and have previous administrative experience.

The Dean will provide strategic vision and operational leadership to all aspects of the academic and scholarly programs, setting priorities for the Arnold School of Public Health and guiding it toward strategic goals of enhancing scholarship, promoting research and community engaged scholarship, and providing excellence in undergraduate and graduate education with a diverse population of students, faculty, and staff.

The Dean is the college's chief advocate and steward, promoting its goals and achievements, leading its development and fundraising activities, and speaking for its mission of excellence in scholarship, teaching, and service.

## Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

*The next Dean of the Arnold School of Public Health will be expected to demonstrate:*

- Commitment to excellence, demonstrable commitment to and experience in research, teaching, and public health or health-related practice
- Demonstrable, authentic commitment to student, staff, and faculty diversity and maintaining a climate of inclusion and well-being in the college
- Extensive experience working in or leading an institution in which diversity is an integral part of its mission and composition
- Ability to assemble, inspire, and manage highly effective teams
- Capacity to understand and support campus and University of South Carolina policies and procedures. Sophisticated financial acumen and a record of successful budget, personnel, and project management experience
- Successful leadership experience as an academic administrator
- Demonstrated experience with strategic enrollment management. A record of recruiting and supporting the success of diverse faculty, staff and students, ideally in a school of public health, health professions college, or other health-related academic program
- A record of collaboration and relationship management
- Ability to build consensus and community among constituents and a commitment to shared governance. Successful experience establishing and stewarding collaborative relationships across diverse academic disciplines and administrative units as well as other internal, external and non-academic partners, including community organizations, funding agencies and other organizations
- Entrepreneurial orientation and ability to generate resources via diverse mechanisms, including through private philanthropy, federal and state agencies, and corporate or foundation partners

- Strong communication, listening, and interpersonal skills
- The ability to listen to and learn from others. Capacity to connect with diverse internal and external constituencies and audiences to promote the mission of the Arnold School of Public Health, the University of South Carolina, the state of South Carolina and beyond

*University employees are part of one of the state's most energizing and thriving workplaces. The University invests in offering competitive benefits, personal and professional development, and in creating an academic setting that values diversity, equity, and inclusion.*



**Donna K. Arnett**  
**Executive Vice President**  
**for Academic Affairs and Provost**

As the University's chief academic officer, Dr. Arnett oversees all academic units (colleges, schools, and campuses) as well as the major academic support units. Provost Arnett works closely with fellow administrators, deans of colleges and academic and advising units, as well

as many others across the University to set and advance major academic priorities.

Provost Arnett is an internationally recognized genetic epidemiologist specializing in the genomics and pharmacogenomics of cardiovascular disease. Dr. Arnett began her career as an assistant professor of epidemiology in the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota (UM), where she quickly rose through the ranks to become an endowed chair as the Mayo Professor of Public Health. At UM, she oversaw the Hypertension Genetic Epidemiology Network and

the Genetics of Lipid Lowering and Diet Network, both family-based studies whose results brought about significant genomic discoveries underlying cardiovascular diseases. Dr. Arnett went on to serve as the associate dean for academics and strategic programs at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Subsequently, she was recruited to serve as the Norton Healthcare Professor of Epidemiology and Dean of the College of Public Health at the University of Kentucky. In 2012–2013, Dr. Arnett served as the president of the American Heart Association, the major non-profit organization that funds cardiovascular medical research, educates consumers on healthy living, and fosters appropriate cardio care to reduce disability and deaths caused by stroke and cardiovascular disease.

Provost Arnett has been a tireless active advocate for positive social change, helping to educate lawmakers about the importance of funding for the National Institutes of Health, pushing for policy changes that promote the prevention of cardiovascular diseases, and directing public health campaigns to foster healthy lifestyle choices.



## Columbia, South Carolina

Perfectly located in the heart of South Carolina, Columbia is home to the University of South Carolina. The state's capital city, Columbia is the second largest city in the state, with more than 829,000 residents in the metropolitan area. Energy and innovation collide here in ways that make Columbia a top-rated place to learn, work, live, and play.

In 2019, *SmartAsset* ranked Columbia, as the fourth most popular "City Where Millennials are Moving."

In 2022 Columbia was ranked as one of the "South's Best College Towns" by *Southern Living*. In addition, the city was named one of the "best places to live in South Carolina" in 2023 by *Travel + Leisure*.

The Main Street District in Downtown Columbia is filled with restaurants, shops, and historic landmarks

and is the location of events and festivals including the Soda City Market and First Thursdays on Main.

You can learn about the city's cultural history by visiting the Columbia Museum of Art, the Koger Center for the Arts, or take a tour of the South Carolina State House.

For an outdoor adventure, visit Columbia's beautiful parks, miles of paved trails, and rivers for kayaking, tubing, and fishing. Within an hour's drive of Columbia is Lake Monticello, Congaree National Park, Harbison State Forest, and Lake Murray.

Columbia is a vibrant community that provides a small-town feel with the perks of living in the big city. From abundant amenities to boundless outdoor activities, there are many reasons to consider living in Columbia, South Carolina.

## Application & Nomination Process

*Confidential inquiries are welcomed, and nominations are invited.*

### Applications

1) All application packets must include the following:

- A letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and qualifications of the position
- Current curriculum vitae
- At least four references with full contact information including e-mail (References will not be contacted without consent from applicant.)

2) **Submit application packet as PDFs to USC-DeanASPH@myersmcræ.com. For best consideration, submit application packet by March 15, 2024.** Additional information will be requested upon receipt of application. This position is open until filled.

### Nominations

Submit nominations to **USC-DeanASPH-nominate@myersmcræ.com** with complete contact and e-mail information for the individual being nominated.

### Consultants

**Jennifer Barfield**, Executive Vice President of Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting, is conducting this search with **Amira Bevell**, Vice President, assisting. **Request a conversation regarding this search at jenniferbarfield@myersmcræ.com.**



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