

Job Description:
Director, SMU Center for the Environment

Southern Methodist University invites applications and nominations for the position of Director of the **SMU Center for the Environment**. The successful candidate will have an outstanding academic record in environmental research in an area (or areas) of science, social science, the humanities, communications, law or engineering. The Director will have experience developing interdisciplinary research projects, the ability to administer budgetary and personnel processes, and proven experience in obtaining and managing extramural funding in the form of grants and through development activities. Most importantly, this position requires a leader who thinks broadly, and who will reach across disciplines in the development of research and programmatic activities supported by the Center. The Director will have a tenured appointment in the appropriate department.

Established in 2009, the mission of the SMU Center for the Environment is to promote research, education and community outreach to meet the challenges of sustainability and maintenance of a healthy environment. Energy, water, and transboundary environmental issues are the three thematic areas uniting Center activities. www.smu.edu/environmentalcenter

SMU is a PhD-granting university with 6000 undergraduate and 5000 graduate students located in Dallas, Texas, a culturally rich, and cosmopolitan city of about 1.2 million people. Dallas is ranked 5th among American large cities by the Natural Resources Defense Council for its environmental standards and participation. It is second in US metropolitan areas for revenue generated from Fortune 500 companies.

Applications may be submitted electronically (pdf format preferred) or by letter, and should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and contact information for three references. Inquiries and applications should be addressed to Dr. Bonnie Jacobs, Department of Earth Sciences, Southern Methodist University, P.O. Box 750395, Dallas, TX 75275-0395, PH: 214-768-2743. To ensure full consideration, nominations and applications should be postmarked by December 15, 2009, but the committee will continue to accept applications until the position is filled. Candidate review begins immediately, with an appointment to be made in Spring 2010 for a starting date of August 1, 2010.

SMU will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability or veteran status. SMU is also committed to the principle of nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Hiring is contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a background check. Position No. 00053189.