Department Head Search
Department of Educational Studies
College of Education, Purdue University

The Department of Educational Studies (EDST) at Purdue University is seeking an experienced and visionary department head with exceptional communication skills, demonstrated productive academic leadership, and an earned doctorate with a strong record of published scholarship in one of the department’s six graduate degree concentrations: 1. Counseling Psychology; 2. Educational Leadership; 3. Educational Psychology, Measurement and Research Methodology; 4. Gifted, Creative, and Talented Education; 5. School Counseling; 6. Special Education. Successful applicants must demonstrate a commitment to diversity and equity and to creating a productive and supportive environment for EDST faculty, staff, and students. Candidates must be eligible for appointment as a tenured Full Professor in one of the degree concentrations in the department. It is anticipated that the initial appointment as Department Head will be for a 5-year term with potential renewal for consecutive terms. This is a 12 month appointment, which will become a regular 9 month faculty position when the final term as Head expires.

The Department of Educational Studies (EDST) is one of two departments in the College of Education. The department has 25 tenure track faculty, six clinical faculty, three staff members, 158 graduate students, and 112 undergraduate students. Our nationally known faculty is engaged in the discovery, application, and dissemination of new knowledge centered on three key themes: Educating Diverse Learners, STEM Learning, and Effective Teaching. They are engaged in a variety of initiatives, both basic and applied, that serve our shared mission of discovering and developing human potential in diverse learning environments. Our faculty collaborates with professionals across and beyond Purdue University on cross-disciplinary research, teaching, and engagement efforts centered on our core mission.

The department offers high quality graduate programs in Counseling Psychology (accredited by the American Psychological Association), Gifted, Creative, and Talented Education, Educational Leadership and Cultural Foundations, Educational Psychology, Measurement, & Research Methodology, School Counseling (approved by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs), and Special Education. We offer an undergraduate program in Special Education and we will launch an exciting new undergraduate program in the Learning Sciences in 2015. We also teach several foundational courses required by teacher education majors across the College of Education and Purdue University. All of our teacher education programs are nationally accredited.

The Department Head is responsible for leadership of the department’s faculty, staff and academic programs as well as effective use of the department's financial, administrative, and human resources. The Head is expected to work closely with the Dean and members of the College of Education Leadership Team to further the mission and vision of the College of
Education and the department. The Department Head is expected to lead an effort to strengthen and diversify our graduate and undergraduate programs, to increase enrollment, and enhance the department’s visibility and impact both nationally and internationally. The Head is expected to maintain an active program of research and to teach graduate or undergraduate courses as appropriate.

Screening of applicants will begin on November 30, 2014 and will continue until the position is filled. All applications and inquiries should be directed to the Search Chair, Ala Samarapungavan (ala@purdue.edu), Department of Educational Studies, Purdue University, BRNG, 100 N. University St., West Lafayette, IN 47907-2098. Applicants should submit the following materials:

- Letter of application
- Three references: Names and contact information (letters of reference will be requested for candidates on the short list)
- Curriculum vitae (including home address and preferred e-mail address)
- Statement of vision and goals as the Department Head of EDST
- Statement of administrative experience and accomplishments
- Statement of scholarly interests and professional goals relative to the College of Education Strategic Plan: [http://www.education.purdue.edu/about_us/strategic_plan/index.html](http://www.education.purdue.edu/about_us/strategic_plan/index.html)

Candidates who proceed to a short list may be asked to submit additional reference letters or materials. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of a background check and verification of eligibility to work in the US.

**Purdue University is an EEO/AA employer fully committed to achieving a diverse workforce. All individuals, including minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and protected veterans are encouraged to apply.**