



香港中文大學
THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Applications are invited for:-

Director and Professor, School of Life Sciences

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The Chinese University of Hong Kong, founded in 1963, aspires to be acknowledged regionally and internationally as a first-class comprehensive research university. The University offers a broad spectrum of programmes up to PhD level in various disciplines organized under eight Faculties (viz. Arts, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Science and Social Science), with a team of over 2,000 full-time teaching and research staff. In 2009-10, undergraduate and postgraduate enrolment in publicly-funded programmes stands close to 11,500 and 3,100 respectively (<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk>).

The Faculty of Science comprises six Departments: Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, and Statistics, and one School: Chinese Medicine, and also offers a number of multidisciplinary programmes: Cell and Molecular Biology, Environmental Science, Food and Nutritional Sciences, Molecular Biotechnology, Mathematics and Information Engineering (double degree), Quantitative Finance and Risk Management Science (double major), and Risk Management Science. The Faculty has 300 full-time teaching and research staff, 1,600 undergraduate students and 500 postgraduate research students. Detailed information on the Faculty is available at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/sci/>.

A new School of Life Sciences will be established within the Faculty of Science through re-organization of teaching and research programmes in the existing Departments of Biochemistry and Biology. The School will ultimately have more than 40 academic staff, about 900 undergraduate and 300 postgraduate students. World-class research facilities are available. The School will create synergies in research and scholarship, and provide the institutional framework for taking advantage of exciting new opportunities in modern life sciences, both within the Faculty of Science and also in collaboration with other Faculties.

The School will offer six undergraduate major programmes and corresponding research postgraduate programmes in Biochemistry, Biology, Cell and Molecular Biology, Environmental Science, Food and Nutritional Sciences, and Molecular Biotechnology; and also two taught MSc programmes: Biochemical and Biomedical Sciences, and Nutrition, Food Science and Technology. The School will enter a period of expansion with the introduction of the Cell and Molecular Biology programme in 2009-10 and the revival of a four-year normative undergraduate curriculum in 2012-13.

Applicants should be academics with (i) an outstanding record of scholarship appropriate for a senior appointment at professor level in a discipline of life sciences; (ii) an appreciation of the breadth and depth of research and educational activities in life sciences, in particular the opportunities ahead for cutting-edge research; (iii) experience in leading well-funded, internationally-recognized, and preferably multi-disciplinary collaborative research programmes; (iv) demonstrated leadership and management ability at an appropriate level in higher education institutions; (v) long-term vision for the development of the School into a centre of research excellence; and (vi) excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

As the academic and executive head of the School reporting to the Dean of the Faculty of Science, the appointee will (a) be responsible for the vision and stewardship of the School; (b) undertake overall responsibility for academic, financial, staff and student matters; and (c) provide strong leadership in the re-organization process, particularly in planning and leading research directions of the School. Appointment will initially be made on contract basis for up to five years commencing as soon as possible, which, subject to mutual agreement, may lead to longer-term appointment or substantiation later. The selected candidate will also be offered a full professorship appointment in a subject related to his/her own specialty area of scholarly interests, to be held concomitantly with the Directorship of the School.

Consideration of applications/nominations will begin in January/February 2010 and will continue until the post is filled. The University reserves the right to fill the post by invitation.

[Note: Those who have responded to the previous advertisement for this post (under the same Ref. no.) need not re-apply on this occasion.]

Salary and Fringe Benefits

Salary will be highly competitive, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The University offers a comprehensive fringe benefit package, including medical care, plus a contract-end gratuity for an appointment of two years or longer, and housing benefits for eligible appointee.

Further information about the University and the general terms of service for appointments is available at <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/personnel>. The terms mentioned herein are for reference only and are subject to revision by the University.

Application Procedure

Please send full resume, copies of academic credentials, a publication list and/or abstracts of selected published papers, together with names, addresses and fax numbers/e-mail addresses of three referees to whom the applicants' consent has been given for their providing references (unless otherwise specified), to the Personnel Office, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, N.T., Hong Kong (fax: (852) 2696 1462). The Personal Information Collection Statement will be provided upon request. Please quote the reference number and mark 'Application - Confidential' on cover.