Leadership profile

Chair and Professor of Behavioral Science

This leadership profile is intended to provide information about the University of Kentucky and the position of chair and professor of behavioral science. It is designed to assist qualified individuals in assessing their interest.
Position summary
The University of Kentucky College of Medicine invites applications for the position of Chair of the Department of Behavioral Science. The College of Medicine seeks a visionary chair with demonstrated leadership abilities, a strong record in academic behavioral medicine, ideally with an NIH-funded research program (current or previous record of funding), with administrative experience who could provide strong leadership skills as a listener, decision-maker, humanist, and effective advocate for the discipline in the Department of Behavioral Science and its faculty.

Role of the Chair
A successful candidate should be recognized for exceptional accomplishments as a researcher and academician in a behavioral science field. Additionally, the candidate will have a strong record of administrative experience as a department chair, division chief, or program/center director. Furthermore, the candidate should collaborate effectively possess the desire to learn and share; and should have the people-skills that promote, foster, and facilitate the trust of colleagues, the broader University, and those who might make philanthropic gifts to the University. The chair should have impeccable integrity; be an effective and able communicator; be nationally/internationally recognized for achievement in research, educational, and service pursuits that would warrant appointment as a full professor; demonstrate upward movement in leadership or administrative positions in medical school or academic medical center setting; and have a proven record of recruitment and retention of talented faculty and staff, as well as mentorship of faculty, staff, and trainees.

Reporting to the Dean of UK College of Medicine, Robert S. DiPaola, MD, the chair serves as the chief academic and administrative officer for the department. The chair will have the opportunity to significantly enhance the academic and research missions of the department, and further its partnerships within UK HealthCare, the University, and with numerous external partners.
Required education and experience

- Terminal degree in a behavioral science field (e.g., psychology, behavioral science, social science, sociology, etc.) with a sustained record of scholarly activity.
- National recognition as demonstrated through involvement in academic/professional societies at a national level.
- Demonstrated increasing levels of leadership or administrative positions in medical school or academic medical center setting.
- Proven record of recruitment and retention of talent and mentorship.

Expertise

- Experience as a transformative leader, while managing change effectively.
- Proven understanding of the complexity of a large research university with a full spectrum of academic colleges, professional schools, and an academic medical center.
- Evidence of creating and implementing a vision to advance academic and scholarly activities.
- Strong portfolio of accomplished scholarly work, both independent and collaborative in nature.
- Active participation and leadership in state, regional, and national professional organizations.
- Demonstrated initiative and flexibility, as well as the ability to adapt in a rapidly changing environment.
- Visionary leadership skills that utilize a participatory style to promote innovation and change management.
- Strong communication skills and transparency in decision making, as well as the ability to cultivate an enriching environment and foster collaboration and diversity.
- Passion for articulating the college’s mission to gain support and financial resources from external and internal partners.
- Ability to attract, develop, promote, and retain world-class faculty and staff.
Department of Behavioral Science

History

The department of Behavioral Science (BSC) is a basic science department in the College of Medicine, which was founded in 1959 by William R. Willard, MD, the first Dean of the College of Medicine, as the first department of behavioral science in the United States. The department’s first chair was Robert Straus, PhD, a member of the founding committee of the medical center. Although unique at the time, the decision to enhance the behavioral science content of medical education now has become an established priority for NIH and the Institute of Medicine. Behavioral scientists in most medical schools, though, are still either scattered throughout clinical departments, located in medical education units, or are placed in divisions within departments of psychiatry. As a free-standing basic science department, BSC is an academic teaching and research unit, administratively independent, but with strong collaborative ties to clinical departments and to other basic science departments.

The department is multidisciplinary, with faculty including the disciplines of experimental psychology, social psychology, clinical psychology, cognitive neuroscience, behavioral pharmacology, epidemiology, anthropology, psychiatry, pediatrics, ethics history, pharmacology, sociology, and social work. Departmental faculty members collaborate with many other academic departments in the College of Medicine. The department has a primary role in medical student teaching, having responsibility for “Introduction to Clinical Medicine” behavioral science faculty members also teach in the College of Dentistry and the Honors College. Graduate education includes an interdisciplinary certificate, master’s degree, and doctoral degree in clinical and translational science.
Research Focus Areas

Substance use and addiction, behavioral oncology, and aging (among others)

Fiscal

- 32 percent increase in the number of NIH applications submitted in 2017 from 19 in 2016 to 28 in 2017.
- 76 percent of faculty are extramurally funded
- Faculty provided 9.2 percent of the College of Medicine’s FY 17 Research Grant Funding
- Faculty provided 3.3 percent of the University's FY 17 Research Grant Funding
- Next year annual external funding is estimated at $13.8 million direct costs (including carry forward)
- Five new NIH Awards in RY 2017 at $1,243,617 direct costs for Year 1:
  - Jennifer Havens – R01 supplement at $195,780
  - Nancy Schoenberg – R01 at $412,571 for Year 1
  - William Stoops – R01 at $442,698 for Year 1
  - William Stoops – R21 at $143,750 for Year 1
  - Sharon Walsh – R36 (mentor) at $48,813 for Year 1
- Other new awards at $3,834,296 direct costs for Year 1:
  - Claire Clark – National Endowment for the Humanities at $129,963
  - Hannah Knudsen – Journal Editor $34,700
  - Michele Staton – Five evaluation projects $305,103
  - Michele Staton – R01 transfer $745,454
  - Jamie Studts – Two contracts $64,504 (Owensboro and USC)
  - Sharon Walsh – Contract at $1,284,525 (FDA)
  - Sharon Walsh – Contract at $454,545 (CURES)
  - Michael Wesley – Internal scope at $14,806 (NSF)
  - TK Logan – State contracts to examine outcomes for five publicly funded substance use and addiction treatment programs $800,723

Faculty

- 33 Faculty appointments – 21 tenured faculty, one tenure track faculty, one lecturer, two part-time faculty, two research title series faculty, two tenured faculty in the Dean’s Office, and two faculty in the Center on Aging (one tenured)
  - Lee Blonder is a UK Faculty Trustee
  - Tom Kelly is the Associate Dean for Research in the College of Nursing
  - Hannah Knudsen is Editor in Chief- *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*
  - Sharon Walsh is the Director of the Center on Drug and Alcohol Research
  - Nancy Schoenberg is the Director of the Center on Health Equity Transformation
  - Craig Rush is Vice Chair of Research, Department of Psychiatry
  - Jamie Studts is Assistant Director, Markey Cancer Center and Director of the Research Shared Resource Facility
  - William Stoops is editor of *Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology* and Director of the Regulatory Knowledge and Support Core, UK Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences
- Six female full professors
- Faculty average five publications per year
- Faculty averaged seven scientific presentations
- Faculty averaged three grants/contracts
Education provided by the department

Medical Education

- MD 811 Introduction to Clinical Medicine (ICM) – 136 small-group, first-year students

Graduate Education in Clinical and Translational Science – 42 students enrolled

- PhD (18 students), master’s (nine students), and certificate (15 students)

Undergraduate Education – 58 students

- Five honors courses and two honors capstones

Dental Education

- CDE/BSC 814 Patients, Dentists and Society – 65 students
- CDE/BSC 824 Communication in the Dental Health Care Setting – 66 students
UK College of Medicine at a glance

The journey to establishing the University of Kentucky College of Medicine was, just that, a journey. The first significant move toward medical education began in 1928 when President Frank L. McVey charged John S. Chambers, MD, head of the Department of Hygiene and Public Health and director of the University Student Health Service, to conduct a study of the need for more medical education in Kentucky. The Chambers Report found that Kentucky was desperately short of physicians in all areas except Louisville and Lexington and noted that many students admitted to the University of Louisville were not remaining in Kentucky to practice medicine.

After several major events in U.S. history, including the Great Depression and World War II, the dream of a state medical center at the University of Kentucky moved closer to becoming a reality. With unwavering support from former Governor Albert B. Chandler, the Kentucky General Assembly and the UK Board of Trustees resolved to establish a complete medical center in Lexington.

In September 1960, after receiving more than 400 applications, 40 students were admitted in the first class at the UK College of Medicine. This marked a moment in Kentucky’s history and finalized the efforts to establish a medical center for the Commonwealth in order to better the health care for the state.

Medicine’s pioneers and innovators are lifelong learners. They are curious. They ask critically important questions. Here at the College of Medicine we have the privilege of and passion for educating future physicians and scientists in a transformational academic environment with innovative research and advanced patient care. From undergraduate to graduate and PhD students, and from the MD program and combined degrees to our highly qualified residents and fellows, we are impacting and creating new standards of care.

Today we have three medical school campuses, seven basic science departments, 18 clinical departments, more than 1,900 faculty members, 750 residents and fellows, 800 medical and graduate students, and nearly 10,500 alumni across the world, each of whom continues to change the standard of health care.

College Learners, Faculty and Staff

LEARNERS
Medical Students\(^1\) 543
Graduate Students\(^2\) 261
House Staff (Interns/Residents/Fellows)\(^3\) 757

FACULTY AND STAFF\(^3\)
Basic Science Faculty 213
Clinical Science Faculty 783
Part-time Faculty 208
Community-based Faculty 647
Staff 2,278

\(^1\) As of start of 2017-2018 academic year.
\(^2\) As of December 2016. Includes students pursuing MS and PhD degrees.
\(^3\) As of June 30, 2017.
Robert S. DiPaola, MD

Dr. Robert S. DiPaola is a tenured professor of medicine and current Dean of the College of Medicine at the University of Kentucky. Prior to joining the University of Kentucky, he was responsible for all research, clinical, educational, and administrative activities of a National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center and served as Vice Chancellor of Cancer Programs across Rutgers University. He has held multiple local and national leadership positions including National chairman of the GU Committee of the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group, including developing multiple large clinical trials that have changed standards of care; has been a member of multiple National Cancer Institute review and steering committees; and is the current Chair of the NCI/NIH committee for NCI designated Cancer Center review. He earned a bachelor’s of science degree and his medical degree at the University of Utah; completed an internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Duke University Medical Center; and completed a Fellowship in Hematology-Oncology at the University of Pennsylvania. In addition, Dr. DiPaola maintained continuous funding to support a research focused on Drug Resistance in Cancer Therapy, working on preclinical studies that support translational clinical trials and investigations into prostate cancer drug resistance. His research efforts including phase I, II and III clinical trials have had impact on national standards of care. His accomplishments in the area of translational research are underscored by grants from the National Institutes of Health, Department of Defense and private foundations, as well as his publications in prominent journals including the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Lancet*, *Genes and Development*, *JAMA*, *Cell*, *Clinical Cancer Research*; and the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

Strategic Plan

In FY 2018, the College of Medicine launched a strategic plan, which aligns and integrates with both the University of Kentucky as well as the UK HealthCare strategic plans. The plan will focus on five primary pillars to positively impact health care for the Commonwealth and beyond. The pillars include clinical care, education, research, diversity and inclusivity, and community engagement. The plan is called COMMITS – College of Medicine Map to Impact through a Transdisciplinary Strategy.

Mission

The University of Kentucky College of Medicine promotes a diverse and inclusive environment that provides excellence in education, equitable health care, and transformative research to improve the health and wellness of Kentuckians and beyond.

Vision

The University of Kentucky College of Medicine is a national leader in solving the challenges on health care through transdisciplinary and transformational research, education, and advanced clinical care.
Values

- **Diversity** – we welcome and embrace diversity as a quality improvement strategy that will positively impact all functional areas of the college.

- **Innovation** – we will use creative initiatives to produce tangible outcomes in college processes and action resulting in a critical mass of students, faculty, and executives.

- **Respect** – we will encourage personal and group differences and use them to provide optimal solutions to health care disparities and to foster social justice in the educational and work environments.

- **Compassion** – we will practice self-reflection and be empathetic to the thoughts, needs, and feelings of others.

- **Teamwork** – we will foster a climate of partnership and collaboration to create positive outcomes for all those engaged in teaching and learning.
Academics

Medical School:

The University of Kentucky is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the Association of American Medical Colleges and the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association. The LCME voted to continue the college's MD program accreditation in 2011. Accreditation is granted for an eight-year period and the program will undergo review for accreditation again in the 2018-2019 academic year.

Quick facts:

- The UK College of Medicine includes three regional campuses in order to deliver on the mission of educating physicians in Kentucky for Kentucky – three, four-year campuses in Lexington, Bowling Green, and Northern Kentucky, and the Rural Physician Leadership Program in Morehead.
- In 2018, UK Medical students matched into 22 different specialties for residency. Twenty-seven percent elected to stay within the UK HealthCare system and an additional three percent elected to stay in Kentucky for residency.
- The UK College of Medicine is one of nine triple-board residency programs in the nation where residents can train in Adult Psychiatry, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and Pediatrics.
- UK is one of a few medical schools to offer a tuition guarantee program. This guarantees each entering class a set tuition that will remain constant for the four years they are enrolled in medical school.
- In 2010 UK was ranked among the top 20 medical schools in the United States based upon its "social mission score" representing the percentage of graduates who practice primary care, work in underserved areas or are underrepresented minorities.
- UK developed the nation’s first and consistently top-ranked Department of Behavioral Science, which assists in developing student interests in patient-centered care, public health, and patient assessment.
- Admission to the UK College of Medicine continues to be competitive with 2,695 applicants from across the Commonwealth and nation applying for 166 seats in the 2018 entering class.
Campus Expansion:

For more than a decade, the College of Medicine has had a program called **the Rural Physician Leadership Program** in Morehead. Students are accepted into this program at the time of application and there are 10 participants each year. During their training, these 10 students participate in classes and learning sessions along with the rest of the class in Lexington for the first two years. After the first two years of training, these students complete years three and four at the rural campus location in Morehead.

To combat the ever increasing shortage of physicians in the Commonwealth, the college announced its plans to establish regional campuses. The first location launched is the **UK College of Medicine–Bowling Green Campus** and will welcome its first class in July 2018. This campus is a collaboration with Western Kentucky University and Med Center Health. Additional plans include the **Northern Kentucky Campus** which is anticipated to open in summer of 2019.

Medical School Curriculum:

The UK College of Medicine provides innovative, high-quality education through its highly innovative program – the Kentucky Integrated Curriculum.

The curriculum emphasizes evidence-based medicine along with early clinical experiences, integration of the basic and clinical sciences, and innovative teaching and learning methods such as small-group, standardized patients, and interactive lectures and laboratory exercises.

By embracing a transdisciplinary approach, the curriculum at the college features a deep integration of the foundational and clinical sciences across all four years. As a result, courses such as the expansive Introduction to Clinical Medicine are taught by both a basic scientist and a clinician to include skill development in patient interviewing, physical examination, and insight into causes of health disparities, sociocultural, and behavioral aspects of health care.

Graduate and Postdoctoral Programs:

Training at the UK College of Medicine extends beyond only medical students. The college has focused on creating a culture of collaboration and has a deep understanding of the importance of training the large number of successful postdoctoral scholars and fellows. Aided by an increased focus on career development activities spearheaded by the recently created Office of Biomedical Education, trainee placement in a range of scientific careers has been excellent. Graduate training in the biomedical sciences encompasses the Integrated Biomedical Sciences, PhD degree programs, master’s and certificate program, and training resources and opportunities for postdoctoral scholars and fellows.
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Centers

- Barnstable Brown Kentucky Diabetes and Obesity Center
- Center for Appalachian Research in Environmental Sciences
- Center for Cancer and Metabolism
- Center for Clinical and Translational Science
- Center on Drug and Alcohol Research
- Center of Excellence in Rural Health
- Center for Health Services Research
- Center for Microelectrode Technology
- Center for Molecular Medicine
- Center for Muscle Biology
- Center for Structural Biology
- Center on Trauma and Children
- Dr. Sibu and Becky Saha Cardiovascular Research Center
- Kentucky Ambulatory Network
- Kentucky Neuroscience Institute
- Kentucky TeleCare
- Linda and Jack Gill Heart Institute
- Lucille Parker Markey Cancer Center
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Spectroscopy Center
- Sanders-Brown Center on Aging
- Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center
- Transplant Center

Research:

At the College of Medicine, we are a recognized leader in the area of research and with a goal to enhance scientific discoveries to have the greatest impact. The college focuses on solving the most pressing challenges with a transdisciplinary strategy by asking and addressing the right questions. This overarching strategy brings together several individuals with varying perspectives to leverage the greatest strengths and skills in order to address the challenges facing the state.

Quick research facts:

- Federal grants in the College of Medicine reached $89.1 million in fiscal year 2017, (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) including in excess of $73.9 million in National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding.
- In federal fiscal year 2017, (October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017) UK received 62 percent of the NIH research funding granted to Kentucky medical schools.
- The College of Medicine accounts for more than 64 percent of UK’s NIH funding.
Currently, the college has 260,276 square feet of research space. The new 300,000 square foot research building set to open in 2018 will more than double the research space currently available to the college.

According to Blue Ridge Institute for Medical Research, the UK College of Medicine Department of Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry is ranked 8th and the Department of Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences is ranked 7th among public medical schools for total National Institutes of Health (NIH) federal funding received in 2017.

During fiscal year 2017, the college received $73.9 million in NIH research grant funding.

In 2011 the NIH awarded UK’s Center for Clinical and Translational Science $20 million to move research discoveries to healthcare solutions more quickly. Awarded through the NIH’s institutional Clinical and Translational Science Awards, this designation makes UK’s Center for Clinical and Translational Science a part of a select national biomedical research consortium.

Currently, more than 300 research projects are underway at the college to target the most concerning health problems of the people of Kentucky, such as cancer, diabetes, obesity, substance use disorder, stroke, neurological disorders and heart disease. To help tackle these challenges, we have launched to programs internally

- **Multidisciplinary Value Program** – Launched in 2016, the Multidisciplinary Value Program encourages the translation of science with new investigator-initiated clinical trials, offering patients options of potentially new therapies even beyond typical standards of care. The program is a partnership with the Center for Clinical and Translational Science and is a mechanism to provide a new opportunity and resources to support innovative, collaborative research projects developed by multidisciplinary teams, inclusive of colleges and centers across UK.

- **Value for Innovation and Implementation Program** – To complement the MVP initiative, the Value for Innovation and Implementation Program was created to address the overwhelming need to improve access and implementation of evidence-based practices. Transdisciplinary collaboration among scientists and practitioners is fostered to develop, test, evaluate, and refine evidence-based practice methods and implementation. Open to all faculty across the university, investigators at all stages of career development may apply.

An important advantage in addressing Kentucky’s major health challenges is that the University of Kentucky has major federally funded awards or designations that foster interaction and collaboration for programmatic area of focus: Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), National Institute on Aging (NIA) Alzheimer’s Disease Center, and National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated cancer center.

Research programs and centers across the College of Medicine include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Center for Clinical and Translational Science** – With a focus on health disparities in rural and underserved populations, the center connects experts across disciplines and multiple academic and medical centers to improve health and wellbeing throughout the Central Appalachian region. The center accelerates the translation of basic science discoveries to tangible improvements in health across the Commonwealth.

- **Sanders-Brown Center on Aging (SBCoA)** – Focused on Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, Sanders-Brown has been conducting research on stroke and other age-related brain diseases for more than 35 years. In 1985, SBCoA was recognized as one of the first 10 NIA-funded Alzheimer’s Disease Centers (ADCs) and is part of a prestigious group of only 31 designated ADCs in the United States today. SBCoA is internationally recognized for its translational and clinical research on identifying underlying mechanisms and developing and testing new potential intervention strategies for Alzheimer’s and related dementias.
• **Markey Cancer Center** – As Kentucky leads the nation in cancer deaths, the Markey Cancer Center, an NCI-designated facility, has accelerated its cancer research programs. Its Multidisciplinary Lung Cancer Program is working with promising new drug regimens, while treating small cell lung cancer and non-small cell lung cancer, mesothelioma, thymoma, esophageal cancer, bronchial carcinoid and other thoracic cancers. And its clinical research organization facilitates the movement of advanced treatments into the mainstream of cancer management.

• **Center on Drug and Alcohol Research (CDAR)** – Seeking to understand substance use and related behavior, CDAR focuses on research into the biological, psychological, sociopolitical and clinical aspects of addiction. The center has a long history of collaboration with a variety of agencies at the local, state, national and federal level to deliver research services and information across the Commonwealth and to develop innovative approaches to combat the growing problem of addiction across the nation.

• **Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center** – Established in 1999, the center promotes both individual and collaborative studies on injuries to the spinal cord and brain. Focusing on injuries that include paralysis and loss of neurological function, the goal of the center is to find treatments that are more effective and may ultimately lead to functional repair.

• **Center for Health Services Research** – The mission of the center is to apply research in order to optimize care. By working directly with UK HealthCare physicians and teams, the center can leverage expertise and provide leadership in the science of health care delivery in order to improve patient care.

• **Saha Cardiovascular Research Center** – After a generous gift in 2010, the center was officially named the Dr. Sibu and Becky Saha Cardiovascular Research Center. Its purpose is to facilitate the development of collaborative research efforts across the University of Kentucky campus in order to directly impact the health care treatment to patients across the Commonwealth.

• **Center for Cancer and Metabolism** – Dedicated to defining the role of metabolism in the development and treatment of cancer, the center was established in 2017 after the receipt of an $11 million Phase I COBRE (Centers for Biomedical Research Excellence) grant award. With Kentucky’s high incidence of cancer and metabolic disorders, more research about the link between obesity and cancer is vital.

In addition to the transdisciplinary approach, programmatic areas of focus, and various impactful centers and programs across the campus, the college is building — literally and figuratively — on its foundational strengths. Construction on a $265 million, 300,000 square-foot research building is well underway, with the facility set to open in 2018. The building will feature wet and dry labs where scientists, learners and clinicians across many disciplines will collaborate on a wide variety of research studies focused on health disparities in Kentucky.
Clinical Care:

UK HealthCare – the clinical enterprise of the University of Kentucky – encompasses UK Chandler Hospital, Kentucky Children’s Hospital, UK Good Samaritan Hospital, Markey Cancer Center, Gill Heart Institute, Kentucky Neuroscience Institute, Kentucky Clinics, and the clinical activities of all six health sciences colleges. For more information about UK HealthCare, visit ukhealthcare.uky.edu.

UK HealthCare quick facts:

- UK HealthCare has over 80 specialized clinics, and more than 140 outreach programs throughout Central and Eastern Kentucky.
- For the second consecutive year, the University of Kentucky Albert B. Chandler Hospital remains the No. 1 hospital in Kentucky, according to U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals Rankings. Additionally, four major health care areas achieved top 50 national rankings, three of them for the first time. Rankings included: #50 in Cancer, #44 in Neurology and Neurosurgery, #43 in Geriatrics, and #37 in Diabetes and Endocrinology.
- The 2017 Best Doctors in America® included more than 130 of our physicians.
- In April 2018, UK HealthCare unveiled the new state-of-the-art, 70-bed Betti Ruth Robinson Taylor Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Kentucky Children’s Hospital Makenna Foundation Welcome Center.
- In 2013, the Markey Cancer Center was designated as the 68th National Cancer Institute.
- In 2012, UK opened the new 1.2 million-square-foot Pavilion A at UK Albert B. Chandler Hospital.
Located in the vibrant city of Lexington, the University of Kentucky is a public, land-grand institution that plays a critical leadership role in promoting diversity, inclusion, economic development, and human well-being. The campus is home to 30,000 students, 2,400 faculty, and 13,000 full-time staff. The university is one of just eight in the country with a major academic health center and a full spectrum of academic colleges and professional schools on one contiguous campus. UK is an incubator for multidisciplinary research. These collaborations allow researchers to address the rapidly changing needs of a global society.

The state’s flagship institution consists of 18 academic and professional colleges, where students can choose from more than 200 majors and degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Supporting the scholarly community is a comprehensive research library system made up of 11 facilities, including the world-class William T. Young Library.

UK's student body is diverse, representing more than 100 countries, every state in the nation and all 120 Kentucky counties. UK students compete successfully for prestigious scholarships and awards, such as the Fulbright, Astronaut, Truman, Goldwater, Marshall, Udall, and Gates programs.

The university recently engaged in an effort to revitalize its student living and learning spaces. UK’s public-private partnership with EdR has yielded more than 6,500 modern beds and 202 active learning spaces in 13 buildings. Over the last five years, UK has approved the construction of more than $2.1 billion in infrastructure to bolster the institution’s long-term health and success.

UK’s research expenditures were $361 million in 2016, an 11 percent increase over the previous fiscal years. The university’s dynamic research enterprise encompasses traditional scholarship, the humanities, health care, and emerging fields in technology. UK is one of few institutions to have a trifecta of award funding from the National Institutes of Health for a Clinical and Translational Science Award, an Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center, and a National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Center.
The City of Lexington is a great place to live, work, and study. It recently appeared on USA Today’s list of the top cities to live in. With a population of roughly 300,000, Lexington offers both the warmth – and lower cost of living – of a small city, along with some of the amenities you would enjoy in a larger city, including the arts, cultural events, and a thriving dining scene.

Lexington is also home to some great sporting traditions, including horse racing, Wildcat basketball and football, and a minor league baseball team, the Lexington Legends. In the spring and fall, spend a beautiful afternoon watching Thoroughbred racing at Keeneland Race Course with your friends and family. Our region also boasts some amazing parks and natural wonders, including Red River Gorge, for hiking and exploring.

Lexington’s food scene is filled with Kentucky originals, southern classics, and creative fusion. Lexingtonians benefit from a great local food environment. If you’re visiting Kentucky for the first time, you should try some of our specialties – hot browns, bourbon balls, benedictine sandwiches, Derby pie, burgoo, and many more.

The city also boasts a rich cultural diversity. Lexington is home to people who speak more than 154 languages, and who currently make up about 20 percent of its population. Unprecedented growth of the international population reached nearly 300 percent in just this past decade. International investment, international students, and international academics and visitors from around the world bring a wealth of economic and cultural diversity to Lexington.

For more information visit www.visitlex.com
Confidential inquiries, nominations, and applications are invited. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. All applications must be submitted online at the UKJobswebsite.

Application materials should include the following:
- Curriculum vitae
- Cover letter summarizing relevant experience and qualifications.

The University of Kentucky is committed to a diverse and inclusive workforce by ensuring all our students, faculty, and staff work in an environment of openness and acceptance. We strive to foster a community where people of all backgrounds, identities, and perspectives can feel secure and welcome. We also value the well-being of each of our employees and are dedicated to creating a healthy place to work, learn, and live.

In the interest of maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our students, employees, patients, and visitors, the University of Kentucky is a Tobacco & Drug Free campus.

Upon offer of employment, successful applicants must undergo a national background check and pre-employment drug screen as required by University of Kentucky Human Resources. The University of Kentucky is an Equal Opportunity University that values diversity and inclusion. Individuals with disabilities, minorities, veterans, women, and members of other underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply.