

## Chair and Professor of Maternal and Child Health

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health (SPH), invites applications for Chair and Professor of Maternal and Child Health. This is an exciting opportunity for an outstanding leader to guide a world-renowned department to even greater achievements in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Founded in 1950, the SPH's [Department of Maternal and Child Health \(MCH\)](#) is one of the world's leading academic departments for MCH research, teaching and practice; it is the only free-standing MCH department in the U.S. The department is one of the leading academic departments for implementation science and is the academic home for a WHO Collaborating Center on Research Evidence for Sexual and Reproductive Health and the Carolina Breastfeeding Institute. A recent external review commissioned by the UNC-Chapel Hill Graduate School found the department to be outstanding and highly-regarded both domestically and globally. The department is located in the top rated *public* school of public health in the U.S. and second among all schools (2012 *US News & World Report*), with convenient access to four other UNC Chapel Hill health sciences schools, facilitating collaboration across the University and across the state.

The successful candidate must qualify for the rank of a tenured Full Professor, with an outstanding record of academic accomplishments in important areas of maternal and child health. He/she also should have a superior record of professional and public service, interdisciplinary collaborations, and a track record of promoting diversity and inclusion and mentoring of junior faculty and students. He/she should be an innovator with demonstrated leadership, communication and administrative abilities and interests. The applicant should have a proven ability to think and lead strategically, balance multiple priorities, and manage the finances and human resources of a complex department. He/she must have a commitment to educating 21st century learners and conducting outstanding research that is relevant to maternal and child health in the U.S. and around the world. He/she also should be prepared to serve as a leader within the School, attract external funding, and collaborate across the School with other chairs and SPH senior leaders as well as across UNC Chapel Hill. Strategic state, national and global partnerships are expected. Commitment to diversity and health equity is a critical component of the chair role.

The department has a broad vision and scope of MCH with an emphasis on interdisciplinary and translational research and leadership training. The department offers nine different degree options and three interdisciplinary certificates. It is home to over 100 students, including about 80 masters' and 20 doctoral students. MCH has 20 full-time faculty members from a variety of fields, including demography, pediatrics, obstetrics; sociology, economics, and epidemiology, many of whom lead large research grants. It has ~25 administrative and research staff (as well as others employed in collaborating centers and institutes).

The [University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#) is the nation's first state university, distinguished by its academic prestige and unlimited opportunities for collaboration on campus, across the state and the nation, and globally. At the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, diversity, inclusiveness and civility are core values as well as characteristics of the School. We strongly encourage applications from diverse individuals, including but not limited to diversity in such characteristics as race/ethnicity, color, national origin, age, gender, socioeconomic background, religion, creed, veteran's status, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation and disability. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Qualified applicants are encouraged to submit curriculum vitae and letter describing their specific leadership and administrative qualifications and interest in the position to:

<http://unc.peopleadmin.com/postings/39100>

If you have questions, please contact:

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