Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Chair of the J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Florida. In addition to overseeing the operational management of the Department, responsibilities of the Chair include: (1) creating a compelling vision for the advancement of the Department; (2) facilitating both the professional and scholarly growth of the faculty, particularly the junior faculty; (3) ensuring cutting-edge education is provided to all trainees (undergraduate, graduate, postdoctoral, and researchers); (4) enhancing the working partnership with the leaders of UF colleges and departments, the UF and Shands Health Sciences Center, and UF centers and institutes; (5) recruiting diverse faculty and student body; and (6) increasing private and external funding opportunities for the Department. A Ph.D. degree and research and teaching experience in biomedical engineering or closely related field are required. Experience in academic administration is preferred. Successful candidates should demonstrate academic credentials sufficient for appointment at the FULL PROFESSOR level.

The BME Department is endowed with $20 million from the J. Crayton Pruitt Family and the state of Florida; currently there are 12 active tenure-track faculty members, 30 plus joint/affiliated faculty members and offers M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. The new undergraduate program starts enrolling its first class of juniors in fall 2012. The Department has recently completed its move into the new and state-of-the-art Biomedical Sciences Building, which is part of the UF and Shands Health Sciences Center complex and is adjacent to the College of Engineering. It is in the process of filling five primary faculty lines in the next three to four years.

The University of Florida, a flagship campus of the state university system, offers excellence in research opportunities and facilities. The BME Department has a mandate to be the research and educational interface between the College of Engineering and the large and vibrant biomedical research community at and around UF, including the UF and Shands Health Sciences Center, the Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Brain Institute, the NSF National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the UF Shands Cancer Center, the new Nanoscience Institute of Medical and Engineering Technology, the Malcolm Randall Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the new large-scale business incubator development at Innovation Square, and the growing biotech industry in Gainesville and the state of Florida. With the awarding of an NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), there is enhanced opportunity for translational biomedical engineering research.
The Search Committee invites letters of nomination, applications (letter of interest, complete CV, and list of five references), or expressions of interest to be submitted to the search firm assisting the University of Florida. Review of materials will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. It is preferred, however, that all nominations and applications be submitted prior to March 5, 2012.

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