DIRECTOR FOR RESEARCH

The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio (UTHSCSA) seeks candidates for the position of Director for Research. This individual will establish, foster, and sustain an environment that promotes excellence in biomedical, translational and population-based research at the Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC), a campus of the UTHSCSA Medical School located in Edinburg, Texas and in the Lower Rio Grande Valley (LRGV).

The Edinburg campus is a component of a multi-campus network that will include population-based human research, clinical studies, and laboratory based research focused primarily on diabetes and obesity and related conditions. The UT System is establishing the research network across 6 campuses, including Edinburg, to partner with communities to address diabetes, obesity and health disparities through state-of-the art collaborative research programs covering clinical, population and laboratory-based research in multiple cities: Brownsville, Harlingen, Edinburg/McAllen, and Laredo. The RAHC campus in Edinburg contains state of the art facilities ranging from immunologic, imaging and molecular biology laboratories, a BSL3 laboratory for infectious disease research, and an animal facility for development of animal models for translational research.

The Director of the Medical Research Division of the RAHC in Edinburg will have primary responsibility for developing and overseeing a biomedical translational research program focused on diabetes and obesity research in collaboration with the network. The Director will lead strategic planning, develop relationships with members of the network of University of Texas institutions in the South Texas region, advise the Regional Dean on research issues, ensure research compliance, monitor core research facilities, and provide administrative leadership. This position reports directly to the RAHC Regional Dean and will require close coordination with the Vice Dean for Research and the Vice President for South Texas Programs. The successful candidate must have outstanding experience and accomplishments in research, is expected to continue with active participation in biomedical translational research and must have credential such as an M.D. or Ph.D. required for appointment as Associate Professor or Professor. Collaboration with the surrounding community and the network institutions is essential and will require evidence of excellent leadership/communication skills, and translation of research to improving the health of the surrounding population.

The Edinburg campus is one of three campuses of the RAHC in the Rio Grande Valley border region. The RAHC consists of a Medical Education Division in Harlingen, a Medical Research Division in Edinburg and a School of Public Health campus in Brownsville—the Edinburg and Harlingen divisions are UTHSCSA campuses. Other resources available within the network include: clinical research units that support a range of clinical and population based studies from health surveys to clinical trials; an existing cohort and its biological and genetic archive that are being expanded and will be available for studies on diabetes and obesity and related conditions; research collaborations with other University of Texas campuses in the region; graduate medical education programs in the region that are being expanded and will provide further resources for clinical research.

The South Texas area is a unique multicultural coastal region filled with rich history, wild life and plant life, and beautiful weather. This region is a birder’s paradise in a Gulf Coast area with beautiful and unspoiled wetlands and beaches, crowded only with birds, fish and dolphins. The program is located in a lush semitropical region that is at the threshold where Latin American and US cultures meet. Though it is one of the dynamic, least expensive and fastest growing areas in the country the South Texas population has a number of economic, health and educational disparities. This is a place where you can enjoy the best life has to offer and make a difference.

Please send Curriculum Vitae, accompanying letter of interest and at least three letters of reference with full contact information to Rosie Anzaldua at anzaldua@uthscsa.edu. All faculty appointments are designated as security sensitive positions. The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.