The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV)
School of Medicine

CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

The School of Medicine (SOM) at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV) seeks an individual with an outstanding record of scientific achievement, grant support, scholarly accomplishments and mentoring as its inaugural Chair of the Department of Surgery. Dynamic leadership, communication and interpersonal skills, and keen vision are required. Reporting to the Vice President for Medical Affairs/Dean of the School of Medicine, the Chair will be responsible for building and maintaining robust research programs, high quality graduate medical education programs, medical student education, and a collegial interactive culture.

Minimum qualifications include:
- an M.D. degree
- be Board certified by the American Board of Surgery
- eligible for licensure in Texas
- be an associate or full professor of surgery at an LCME accredited medical school.
- be innovative and well informed, as well as passionate about specialty care and its value in the emergence of integrated healthcare, population health and the education of future physicians.

Candidates must be eligible for professorship with tenure. The ideal candidate will have a widely recognized national reputation in their field. The ability to foster a culture of collaboration, innovation, and accountability, across the Rio Grande Valley is important. This is a wonderful opportunity for a visionary leader. The South Texas Rio Grande Valley is a unique multicultural coastal region filled with rich history, wildlife 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 semi-tropical 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.

Initial faculty appointment will be with the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA), until UTRGV is a fully accredited and free standing university.

Interested individuals should submit electronically: a letter of interest, a current CV, and 3 letters of reference addressed to Dr. Francisco Fernandez, Dean, UTRGV School of Medicine, c/o Alma Arce, Assistant to the Dean, at arcea@uthscsa.edu.

The UTHSCSA is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer including protected veterans and persons with disabilities.

All faculty appointments are designated and security sensitive positions.