

# **United Arab Emirates University**

## **Vice Provost for Medical Sciences and Dean of Medicine**

### **The University**

The United Arab Emirates University (UAEU) is the first and leading comprehensive national university in the United Arab Emirates. Established in 1976 by Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the UAEU has grown to about 700 faculty members in ten faculties and educates over 13,000 students each year. The instructional language is English. Approximately 75% of the University students are women.

The United Arab Emirates is known for its rapid growth and for the open and tolerant society which has resulted from the growth. Al-Ain city is an oasis of natural landscapes and beautiful parks about an hour and a half drive from Dubai and Abu Dhabi. The University intends to establish itself as a research-intensive institution that can rank within the top 100 research universities of the world.

The leaders of the United Arab Emirates have recruited Dr. Wyatt R. Hume as Provost and Chief Academic Officer, charging him with designing and leading a complete transformation of the University. The University will, over the next few years, become the UAE's hub for advance research and the primary academic institution in the country granting PhD degrees. It will be the principle destination of national research funding. It will attract scholars and students from the country, the Gulf and Middle East, and the world community of researchers.

### **The Medical Sciences**

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences was established in 1984 and opened its doors to the first cohort of students in 1986, graduating the first class in 1993. As of January 2009, the medical faculty includes a population of 113 faculty that support 358 students. Two-thirds of the students are female and the majority of the faculty are expatriates, who have joined National faculty to create a climate of engagement and progression in the 15 departments (five basic science and ten clinical areas).

The mission of the Medical Sciences is to provide an undergraduate medical education program oriented to the needs of the UAE community that meets high international standards of quality and enables its graduates to compete successfully for advanced training in the best centers worldwide.

Medicine graduates join the medical staffs at government and private hospitals and help to promote quality health, school health and preventive medicine, which will ensure patient care will be delivered within an ever improving health care system.

## **Vice Provost for Medical Sciences and Dean of Medicine**

The UAE University is seeking an eminent scholar who is an internationally recognized leader and highly respected around the world. The Vice Provost and Dean must be someone with the potential, ability and the desire to:

- Recruit eminently qualified faculty
- Expand the health sciences with new innovative programs to the region (i.e., veterinary medicine, nursing and pharmacology leadership).
- Expand partnerships with top medical schools and global universities

The Vice Provost and Dean reports to the Provost and is the chief executive officer of Medicine. The Vice Provost is a member of the University's senior administrative team and is responsible for all operations, overall leadership and guidance of the medical science enterprise.

The Vice Provost and Dean will be responsible for shaping a strategic vision for Medicine within the broader framework of the UAE University's vision and mission, and in collaboration with a wide range of institutional constituencies. The Dean is expected to lead the faculty in pursuit of excellence in both fundamental and applied research and will promote the ongoing development of outstanding health science educational programs and partnerships.

The successful candidate will possess leadership skills which include:

- The ability to develop an engaging, challenging vision for enhancement in teaching, research and clinical service.
- The ability to be a catalyst for change and to productively engage faculty in programmatic innovation.
- A commitment to firm, objective and ethical decisions.
- Strong academic and fiscal management abilities, including the willingness to delegate appropriately.
- The ability to communicate clearly and effectively with faculty, staff, students, colleagues across the institution and external constituents.
- The ability to build consensus that leads to prioritization of academic investments.

The Vice Provost and Dean will also be expected to provide leadership in the creation of global-quality research institute/centers in the area of health sciences.

**Application Procedure:** The UAE University invites applications, inquiries and nominations for this important position. Applications should include a letter of application, a current curriculum vita, and the names and contact information of 3-5 references. Applications, inquiries and nominations should be submitted in confidence to the search firm assisting the UAE University in its search as indicated below. Review of materials will begin immediately and continue until the

appointment is made. For full consideration, all nominations and applications should be submitted to:

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