



**UNIVERSITY OF  
GEORGIA**  
School of Social Work

### **The Georgia Athletic Association Professorship in Health and Well-Being**

#### **The Position**

The School of Social Work invites applications and nominations for the Georgia Athletic Association Professorship in Health and Well-Being. The professorship is made possible thanks to support from the University of Georgia Athletic Association. The professorship builds on the School of Social Work's efforts over the past several years to promote research, teaching, and service that address health disparities, as demonstrated by the development of a dual degree graduate program in social work and public health, and a dual degree faculty line with the College of Public Health. This program is the first in the state of Georgia and one of only five MSW/MPH programs in the Southeast.

Health and health disparities are among our core areas of research, and this endowed professorship will make an immediate and significant impact. This individual will join an exceptionally talented and passionate team, and will work in collaboration with our [Center for Social Justice, Human and Civil Rights](#) and enjoy immediate interdisciplinary opportunities with the University of Georgia's [College of Pharmacy](#), [College of Public Health](#), and [Medical Partnership](#). Several of our faculty members are fellows in the [Owens Institute for Behavioral Research](#), and we are well positioned to further develop the grant infrastructure in the area of interprofessional health.

It is an incredibly exciting time at the University of Georgia and the School of Social Work. Both the University and the School are on a sharp upward trajectory, building upon a rich history of accomplishment while advancing our capacity to do more. This endowed professor will play a key role in taking us to the next level.

#### **The School and Institution**

Chartered in 1785, the University of Georgia in Athens is a Carnegie RU/VH university, and the state's flagship institution of higher education. The School of Social Work provides professional education to over 500 students through its CSWE-accredited B.S.W. and M.S.W. programs, Ph.D. program, as well as the Master of Arts in Nonprofit Leadership and Management program. The School of Social Work also offers joint M.S.W. degree programs with the School of Law, the College of Public Health, and the Emory University Candler School of Theology. The School of Social Work is nationally and internationally known for excellence in research, teaching, public service, international programs, and a commitment to social and economic justice. The School of Social Work is committed to hiring diverse faculty who work towards alleviating disparities through scholarship/research, teaching, public service and/or administrative responsibilities. The successful candidate will be expected to share our commitment to diversity.

The University of Georgia is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or protected veteran status.

#### **The Individual**

The Georgia Athletic Association Professorship in Health and Well-Being is to be filled by a scholar and advocate of national or international distinction. The endowed professorship will focus on disparities in health and well-being, help to strengthen the dual degree graduate program in social work and public health, and address persistent and emerging challenges related to health and well-being. The candidate selected for this endowed professorship will be at the rank of associate or full professor with tenure.

The endowed professor will be expected to begin work in the position in fall 2018, with an academic year appointment. The successful candidate must have a doctorate in social work or a terminal degree in a cognate discipline, an outstanding record of external funding, current funding, research and publications.

#### **Nominations and Applications**

Application materials must be submitted electronically through the UGA FacultyJobs system, <https://facultyjobs.uga.edu/postings/1391>. Applicants are encouraged to upload an application letter, including commentary on teaching, research, and public service related to health and well-being. Review of applications will begin immediately. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Questions regarding how to apply should be routed to Ms. Kerri Lewis, at [klewis42@uga.edu](mailto:klewis42@uga.edu). **Please note "SSW Faculty Search" in the subject line.** Questions regarding the position should be routed to Dr. Betsy Vonk, at [bvonk@uga.edu](mailto:bvonk@uga.edu) or 706-542-7770.