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The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) invites nominations, expressions of interest, and applications for the position of Founding Dean, College of AI, Cyber and Computing. The successful candidate will have the unique opportunity to inspire faculty, staff, and students in the College's potential to influence the future and redefine the landscape of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, computing, and data science.

The College of AI, Cyber and Computing

UTSA recently announced plans to launch the College of AI, Cyber and Computing (CAICC),

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advancing the university's strategic vision to integrate emerging technologies with interdisciplinary approaches to shape the future of education and research. This college will build on UTSA's leadership in artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, data science and related disciplines to address the demands of an increasingly digital and interconnected world.

Situated at the UTSA Downtown Campus in San Pedro I and the under-construction San Pedro II, the college will expand UTSA's role as a cornerstone of San Antonio's tech ecosystem. The Downtown Campus is located between San Antonio's historic West Side neighborhood and the urban core in close proximity to a number of cultural, historic and commercial venues. The CAICC will be embedded in this campus and is expected to enroll over 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Its faculty and staff will work closely with employers and community partners to align academic programming with workforce needs, ensuring UTSA graduates are well-prepared for emerging career opportunities.

Position Summary

Reporting to the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Founding Dean of the College of Artificial Intelligence, Cyber and Computing (the Founding Dean) will serve as the chief operating and academic officer of the College and will provide dynamic and visionary leadership to build upon UTSA's strengths and champion innovative and transformational practices that enhance the academic experience of students and faculty.

UTSA is in a time of incredible growth in pursuit of academic excellence, student success, research growth, and community impact. The Founding Dean must serve as a passionate advocate for these ideals, working in collaboration with university stakeholders to launch CAICC as a cutting-edge college, harnessing the exponential demand and growth in AI, cybersecurity, and computing while propelling students, faculty, and researchers into a future of limitless possibilities.

The Founding Dean will be responsible for uniting three UTSA research centers—the Institute for Cyber Security (ICS), the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security (CIAS), and the Cyber Center for Security and Analytics—under one administrative home. In addition, the Founding Dean will position CAICC to align closely with UTSA AI Consortium for Human Well-Being and the Open Cloud Institute to expand its impact. Collectively, these centers will amplify UTSA's ability to foster research excellence and transdisciplinary partnerships.

Qualifications and Key Attributes

The successful candidate will possess:

An earned doctorate/terminal degree in a discipline represented in CAICC from an accredited university
An outstanding record of scholarly achievement and international reputation commensurate with

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appointment as full professor in one of the departments in the College.

Administrative and/or leadership experience in a research university with strong integrity, organizational and consensus-building skills, and the ability to inspire faculty, staff, and students in a culture of shared governance and transparency.

Solid financial acumen and proven abilities in academic budgeting and financial management.

A clear understanding of leading-edge methods and instructional technologies to support teaching and learning in a large, urban university.

A proven record of supporting student success (undergraduate and graduate) and a record of success improving student outcomes through teaching, student services, high-impact practices, and/or retention initiatives.

A record of success in recruiting and retaining talented faculty and staff.

A deep resonance with UTSA's core values and to the personal and educational enrichment of its faculty, staff, and students.

Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to serve as a highly effective listener and communicator with both academic and non-academic audiences, and an ability to address challenges.

A demonstrated record of supporting interdisciplinary collaborations and working across the wide range of academic disciplines represented in the College and across the University.

An enterprising mindset that will capitalize on San Antonio's unique urban environment that promotes engagement and partnership opportunities with the business and civic community.

The University of Texas at San Antonio

UTSA is a leading public, Carnegie-designated R1 research university specializing in health, cybersecurity, fundamental futures, and human-social development. With almost 36,000 students supported by more than 1,500 faculty and 5,600 staff and student employees, it is the largest university in the San Antonio metropolitan region.

The University of Texas at San Antonio and The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio are on a path to merge into one premier global university, combining its collective academic, research, and clinical strengths to deliver immense value to the community. The merged university will be the third-largest research university in Texas, with a depth and breadth that rivals the nation's top institutions. More information about the integration can be found at <https://utsanantoniogether.org/>.

UTSA is highly focused on student success and meeting the educational needs of its student population. Nearly half (45%) of UTSA undergraduates will be the first in their family to earn a bachelor's degree. Additionally, transfer students comprise about 40% of UTSA's total undergraduate population. Further enhancing the student population is UTSA's military community makes up approximately 15% of total students. This includes active-duty military members, veterans, reserves/guard, and their spouses and dependents. For more information about UTSA, please visit <http://www.utsa.edu/>.

Application and Nomination Process

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applications and nominations until the position is filled. Applicants must submit a current curriculum vitae and a letter of interest describing relevant experience and interest in the position. Submission of materials via e-mail is strongly encouraged. Nomination letters should include contact information for the nominee. All nominations and applications will be handled in confidence.

Applications, inquiries, and letters of nomination should be submitted to:

Alberto Pimentel, Managing Partner

Emy Cruz, Partner

6512 Painter Avenue, Whittier, CA 90601

Email: apsearch@spaexec.com

Refer to code "UTSA DCAICC" in the subject line

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