

Associate or Full Professor – Endowed Chair for Social Work Research

School of Social Work

Position

Western Michigan University invites applications and nominations for a terminal academic year associate or full professor position, in the role of Frays/Platt Endowed Chair for Social Work Research.

This is an academic term position renewable for up to five years.

Major Responsibilities:

- Spend time mentoring other faculty to advance their research, and collective research initiatives within each community location (Benton Harbor, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo)
- Actively convene collaborative relationships with each faculty member on advancing individual and collective research in social work, and sharing of technical and methodological expertise
- Advance team-based external funding proposal development and management to include each faculty and students.
- Support community-engaged or translational research in collaboration with organizations and community groups.

Qualifications:

- Master of Social Work from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited program, and doctorate in social work or a related field
- Strong background in social work research, with diversity in methods and content areas, and expertise in research mentorship
- Established track record in successful external funding with colleagues
- Eligibility for associate or full professor rank
- Strong understanding of team development, communication, and leadership best practices
- Experience in being an active part of a diverse and inclusive group of faculty, staff, and student leaders, focused on advancing social, economic, and environmental justice through social work practice, teaching, and scholarship.
- Open to both current faculty at Western Michigan University, and applicants from around the nation and world to contribute to a strong social work research agenda at Western Michigan University.

University: Western Michigan University, a learner centered, discovery driven, and globally engaged public research university enrolls more than 23,000 students from 100 nations around the globe. WMU has been designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as one of 147 public institutions in the nation with high or very high research activity.

The College: The College of Health and Human Services is located in a 195,000 square foot building with state-of-the-art teaching technologies and spacious research laboratories. The college enrolls nearly 3,000 students, with more than a third of those at the graduate level. In addition to the School of Social Work, the college includes programs in blindness and low vision studies, nursing, occupational therapy,

physical therapy, physician assistant, speech, language and hearing sciences, holistic health care, alcohol and drug abuse, interdisciplinary health services, public health, and a Ph.D. in interdisciplinary health sciences. Five of these programs are consistently in the top 100 ranked programs in their respective disciplines.

The college has received a number of grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the Department of Education. In 2020, the college received a \$1.5M appropriation to open the Resiliency Center for Families and Children located in collaboration with our interprofessional Unified Clinics. The college also operates the Unified Clinics, a multidisciplinary service/training clinic. Learn more about our growing college at <http://www.wmich.edu/hhs>, including our statement on race and anti-racism <https://wmich.edu/hhs/antiracism>. The College of Health and Human Services is preparing professionals today to transform health and human services tomorrow.

Department/School: The School of Social Work is a BSW and MSW program with two concentrations (Clinical Social Work and Policy, Planning, and Administration) and two specializations (Trauma and School Social Work). The school has three teaching sites in Southwest Michigan (Benton Harbor, Kalamazoo, and Grand Rapids).

As a mid-sized public university, the School has over 100 BSW students and over 300 MSW students in the program. With two concentrations in Clinical Social Work and Policy, Planning, and Administration at the MSW level, and two specializations in School social work and Trauma Across the Lifespan, the School embraced the full diversity of social work practice and populations. The School has a strong teaching history and seeks to build research and scholarship leadership within the faculty. The School is home to the Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare. Social Work faculty members have received external funding in behavioral health training, children's trauma, and services for youth and young adults with a history in foster care. The faculty members collectively advance social, economic, and environmental justice through social work education and partnership with community stakeholders.

Salary: Competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience, with an excellent benefits package.

Expected Start Date: between 7/1/2022 and 9/1/2022

Application Deadline: Review of applications will begin 2/1/2022 and continue until position is filled. Apply at https://www.wmujobs.org/applicants/jsp/shared/position/JobDetails_css.jsp?postingId=210437

Required application documents:

- Curriculum vitae
- Cover letter describing qualifications, accomplishments, and professional experiences related to the position
- Information for three professional references, including names, titles, telephone number(s), and postal and e-mail addresses

Chair of Search committee: Don Cooney, PhD (Donald.cooney@wmich.edu)

WMU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Minorities, women, veterans, individuals with disabilities and all other qualified individuals are encouraged to apply.