Invites Applications and Nominations for the Position of:

College of Basic and Applied Sciences Chair of Aerospace
The Opportunity

Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) invites applications for an innovative leader to chair the Department of Aerospace. MTSU seeks candidates who are committed to innovative teaching, robust research/creative activity, and meaningful service. We also seek to attract a culturally and academically diverse faculty who value working with a diverse student body.

With over 1,200 undergraduate majors, the Department of Aerospace is a signature department at MTSU, and is one of the nation’s largest and most respected collegiate aviation operations programs. Department features include several high-fidelity flight and ATC simulators, including two CRJ-700 regional jet simulators and a 360-degree ATC tower simulator. Other labs include Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Technology, and multiple maintenance labs associated with the Part 147 FAA-approved maintenance school at the airport campus. In addition, they host a Flight Operations Center Unified Simulation Lab, wind tunnel, and 33 training aircraft.


In Fall of 2020, the Department posted record enrollments at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Aerospace was the highest selected major by new freshman.

The Role of the Chair, Department of Aerospace

The primary responsibility of the chair is strong academic leadership for the department, ensuring excellent quality program delivery and student success and achievement.
Other responsibilities include budgetary coordination, faculty/staff hiring and management, operational oversight of the MTSU airport campus and flight school, and partnership development with business, industry, and associations.

The chair will serve as a champion for the growing program and will be expected to engage in fundraising, navigate periodic AABI accreditation review, and ensure compliance with FAA and other pertinent regulations.

Qualifications

The selected candidate will have a bachelor’s or higher degree in an aviation discipline and will also have a doctorate or terminal degree in an appropriate, related field. The selected candidate will have pilot, maintenance, dispatch certification, or ATC certification, and would ideally have 5 years’ experience working in or managing flight operations.

Teaching and/or leadership experience at the collegiate level is preferred. Similar experience in industry will be considered.

Successful candidates must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills, demonstrated vision, leadership, administrative experience, and ability to work productively with faculty and students from diverse backgrounds.

About the College of Basic and Applied Sciences

The largest of the university’s five undergraduate colleges in terms of the overall number of declared majors, the College of Basic and Applied Sciences has 4000+ undergraduate, over 300 master’s, and 90 doctoral students. This college offers 17 undergraduate major programs, including 56 different emphasis areas. Seven of the eleven departments within the college offer programs leading to a master's degree. The college also offers interdisciplinary programs including a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Forensic Science; a Master of Science (M.S.) in Professional Science with six concentrations; and three Ph.D. degrees in the areas of Computational Science, Molecular Biosciences, and Mathematics and Science Education.

The college’s talented faculty work one-on-one with a large number of majors, teach many general education classes in mathematics and the sciences, provide service to the professional community, and engage in basic and applied research. The college currently has 210 full-time faculty.
About Middle Tennessee State University

Middle Tennessee State University embraces their role as the destination of choice for Tennessee undergraduates while expanding their reach nationally and internationally through signature programs and select master’s and doctoral programs.

MTSU has a wide variety of nationally recognized academic degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels. The University has eight undergraduate colleges, offering more than 40 departments and more than 140 degree programs. The College of Graduate Studies offers more than 100-degree programs.

When employees say, “I am True Blue,” it affirms that they are part of a tight-knit community of fellow students, professors, staff and supporters, all working for students’ progress and success.

MTSU offers terrific opportunities, exceptional value, and a beautiful campus. Undergraduates get real-world experiences that other universities offer only to graduate students.

MTSU is the No. 1 choice for the state’s transfer students, the No. 1 provider of graduates to the Greater Nashville economy (second-largest producer of graduates in the state) and the No. 1 choice of adults (ages 25 and up) seeking a four-year degree.

An example of the university’s student-first commitment is the $147 million, state-of-the-art Science Building, the crown jewel of the three-building Science Corridor of Innovation. MTSU has completed almost $1 billion in new construction and improvements on campus, and recently broken ground on a cutting-edge, $39.6-million building to house three disciplines in the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences – criminal justice administration, psychology, and social work. These investments have provided a remarkable combination of top-notch classroom, research, laboratory, study, and gathering spaces designed to encourage faculty and student interaction.

The City of Murfreesboro

MTSU is located in Murfreesboro, just outside of Nashville, in one of the fastest-growing counties in the nation. Located in the geographic center of the state, and included in Money magazine’s “Top 100 Places to Live,” Murfreesboro is implementing a community-wide
growth plan with a two-decade focus while still maintaining a small-town feel. In addition to college events, the ‘Boro’ features a thriving Square, an extensive Greenway system, a Center for the Arts, and a variety of festivals and music venues.

Nomination and Application Process

Salary and Start Date

Salary will be competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience. Start date for the position is August 1, 2021. Expedited tenure upon appointment possible.

How to Apply

Greenwood/Asher & Associates, Inc. is assisting Middle Tennessee State University in this search. Applications and nominations are now being accepted. Confidential inquiries, nominations and application materials should be directed to Greenwood/Asher and Associates. For a full application package please provide a cover letter, CV, and list of five references. Submission of application materials as PDF attachments is strongly encouraged. The search will be conducted with a commitment of confidentiality for candidates until finalists are selected. Initial screening of applications will begin immediately and will continue until an appointment is made.

Please direct inquiries, nominations, and application materials to:

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MTSU is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer that values diversity in all its forms. Women, minorities, individuals with disabilities and protected veterans are encouraged to apply.


MTSU is a Tobacco & Drug Free campus.

This position requires a criminal background check. Therefore, you may be required to provide information about your criminal history in order to be considered for this position.