After successful initial growth since its recent establishment in 2011, leading to a ranking of #9 among epidemiology departments in public universities by Academic Analytics, the department is ready for the next phase of development toward national and global excellence in research, training and service.
The new Chair of the Department of Epidemiology will be joining a department that has shown impressive growth in faculty, research, training programs and community outreach under its founding chair.

The department currently boasts two National Institutes of Health training grants that support a growing graduate program with 33 PhD graduates over a span of eight years. Its 18 full-time faculty were supported by more than $6 million in extramural funding in the past fiscal year. The department established HealthStreet, a community engagement program that bridges the gap in healthcare and research for populations underrepresented in traditional clinical research, with more than 10,000 enrollees to-date.

Reflecting the essential contributions of epidemiological science to both colleges, the department is uniquely positioned in both the College of Public Health and Health Professions and the College of Medicine. This arrangement offers strong synergies and collective strength including exceptional exposure to diverse expertise.

The Chair of the Department of Epidemiology will not only lead one of the top epidemiology programs in the country but will also join an academic community that is committed to excellence in research and faculty development, and to tackling the greatest health challenges faced by our nation and the world.
The University of Florida, a land-grant university with an exhaustive spectrum of academic programs and specialties, is the highest ranked university, private or public, in the state of Florida and is the most research-intensive institution in the state.

The university has achieved a ranking of eighth among public research universities in U.S. News & World Report’s Best College Rankings, in part due to unwavering support from the state of Florida in financial incentives to become one of the nation’s best public research universities.

UF is one of only three universities in the U.S. that unites all six health science colleges on a single campus (Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine, as well as Public Health and Health Professions, which has been accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health since 2009).

The health science colleges integrate with six hospitals, more than 100 clinics, and other research and education facilities on four campuses to form the Southeast’s largest academic health center: UF Health.

“The Department of Epidemiology plays a key role in advancing UF Health’s tripartite mission and the chair will work closely with the deans and the Senior Vice President of Health Affairs to coordinate these efforts. The chair will have an exciting opportunity to help shape the vision for the department in advancing knowledge and training in the causes and prevention of disease and the promotion of health. The department is also taking a leadership role in launching UF’s Precision Public Health initiative that involves statewide and national partnerships.”

— Dr. David Nelson, Interim Senior Vice President for Health Affairs and Director Clinical and Translational Science Institute

The Department of Epidemiology is located in the Clinical and Translational Research Building, a state-of-the-art LEED Platinum Certified research building on the academic health center campus.
Located in the third most populated state with a diverse and growing number of residents, the department has an excellent foundation to address a broad spectrum of public health issues. UF is home to the OneFlorida Data Trust, a regularly updated repository of statewide healthcare data including electronic health records from public and private healthcare providers and Medicaid claims data representing together more than 15 million patients. Other data laboratories include the vast array of clinical information in the fully-integrated electronic health record system of UF Health, which is further enriched through linked clinical trials data and genomic data from the UF Health Precision Medicine program.

Faculty members have the opportunity to collaborate with the Department of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy, which hosts billing records from public and private health plans covering more than 300 million lives.

Opportunities for collaboration and joint appointments with other research laboratories within UF's centers and institutes are available. These include the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, the Institute on Aging, the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the McKnight Brain Institute, the Emerging Pathogens Institute, the Genetics Institute and the UF Health Cancer Center. Further collaboration with the spectrum of colleges that share the Gainesville campus is encouraged.

“Through its outstanding research, education and service activities, the Department of Epidemiology is making important contributions to improving the health and well-being of communities, locally, nationally and globally. The next chair will have an exciting opportunity to lead the department to even greater levels of accomplishment through growth and advancement in its academic and applied mission to reduce disease and promote the health of the public.”

— Dr. Michael Perri, Dean
College of Public Health and Health Professions
Core opportunities for development

With existing excellence in addiction epidemiology, the new chair has wide-ranging opportunities to expand areas of epidemiology that intersect with existing areas of excellence at UF. These include infectious disease epidemiology through collaborations with the Emerging Pathogens Institute, cancer epidemiology with colleagues in the UF Health Cancer Center, and advancement of quantitative epidemiologic methods together with faculty in the departments of Health Policy and Bioinformatics, Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy, and Biostatistics.

A broad spectrum of additional expertise is available across campus, allowing opportunities for growth for every epidemiologic specialty area.

Qualifications

The successful candidate must have a distinguished record of scholarly achievement, extramural funding and mentoring and leadership experience commensurate with the rank of Professor.

Academic qualifications should include either a PhD in Epidemiology, a clinical degree with additional epidemiology training or equivalent training and experience.

“The Department of Epidemiology plays a critical synergistic role at the interface of medicine and public health at the University of Florida. The next leader will have an opportunity to continue to unlock the potential of our unique environment in achieving even greater momentum in all of our missions in promoting a healthier generation for tomorrow.”

— Dr. Adrian Tyndall, Interim Dean College of Medicine

Applications are welcome and the position will remain open until filled. To view the job posting online and submit an application packet, which includes a CV, letter of interest and list of three references, go to: http://apply.interfolio.com/59489.

Questions regarding the position should be directed to the search committee chair, Almut Winterstein, PhD, Professor and Chair in Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy at almut@ufl.edu, or 352-273-6268.
Dr. Glenn Morris, Director, Emerging Pathogens Institute: “The Department of Epidemiology has been a strong partner with the Emerging Pathogens Institute in training and in research activities in infectious diseases. A number of departmental faculty are members of the institute, and the institute has provided a strong research base and mentoring for doctoral students in the department. We look forward to continued close collaborations.”

Dr. Jonathan Licht, Director, UF Health Cancer Center: “Increasing the breadth and scope of research in cancer prevention and the epidemiology of cancer, particularly as it relates to our catchment area of North Central Florida, which includes significant populations with limited social and economic resources and high rates of obesity and smoking, is the UF Health Cancer Center’s number one priority for the next five years.”

Dr. Almut Winterstein, Chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy: “With a strong focus in pharmacoepidemiology, the Department of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy has built a close collaboration with the Department of Epidemiology. I look forward to advancing our joint work in research and graduate training.”

**Colleague support**

**Dr. Glenn Morris, Director, Emerging Pathogens Institute:**

- Faculty with opportunity for expansion: 18
- PhD students and 33 PhD alumni: 22
- Extramural funding in AY 18: $6M
- Published manuscripts in AY 18: 92
Dr. Michael Gutter, Associate Dean, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences: “The relationship between UF/IFAS Extension and Epidemiology provides unique collaborations for both departments, including discovery, dissemination and funding opportunities. Our collaboration has allowed for better understanding of the needs and issues facing our communities through applied research as well as working together to establish community engaged strategies to improve the health and quality of life for Floridians.”

Dr. Peihua Qiu, Chair, Department of Biostatistics: “The Departments of Biostatistics and Epidemiology are the only two departments that are housed in both the College of Public Health and Health Professions and the College of Medicine. The two departments often work together in our research projects and training programs. I am looking forward to working with the new chair of the epidemiology department to continue the close collaboration between the two departments.”

Dr. Peter Carek, Chair, Department of Community Health and Family Medicine: “Using the expertise available in the Department of Epidemiology, our department has made significant strides in the overall quality of care we provide our patients. In particular, our partnership with them has been invaluable as we have addressed our hospital readmission rate and the emergency room utilization of our patients.”

Dr. Regina Bussing, Chair, Department of Psychiatry: “The departments of Psychiatry and Epidemiology established successful collaborations in the areas of mental health and addictions, including projects like the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development Study, the NIDA T32, and a certificate program in psychiatric epidemiology. We look forward to continued joint efforts in research and education.”
It’s great to be a Florida Gator!

- UF is home to more than 170 research centers and institutes
- UF is ranked eighth among public universities in America, according to U.S. News & World Report’s 2019 rankings
- UF’s research expenditures reached $865 million in 2018
- UF is one of the most comprehensive and collaborative universities in the U.S.

Gainesville, home to the University of Florida

- Located in the heart of North Florida, central to Jacksonville, Orlando and Tampa and equidistant to the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico
- A place of great natural beauty with over 50 city, county and state parks, crystal clear springs and miles of trails and waterways
- Ranked one of the “best places to live and play” by National Geographic Adventure
- Home to a thriving arts community including numerous music venues, galleries, studios, a community mural program, spring and fall festivals, and theaters hosting live productions and independent films
- Offering a rich program of cultural events at the Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, the Samuel P. Harn Museum (one of the largest university-affiliated art museums in the U.S.) and the Florida Museum of Natural History, with its stunning Butterfly Rainforest
- Learn more at guidetogreatergainesville.com

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