UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
Position Description

TITLE: Director, Institute for Integrated Health and Innovation (IIHI)

DIVISION: Academic Affairs (AHC)

REPORTS TO: Coordinating Dean, Academic Health Collaborative; and Deans, Colleges of Health Sciences, Nursing and Pharmacy

GRADE: 

UNION: AAUP

SUPERVISES: Professional, technical, and administrative support staff in IIHI

BASIC FUNCTION:

The University of Rhode Island (URI) is seeking a highly accomplished individual to serve as the inaugural permanent Director of the Institute for Integrated Health and Innovation (IIHI). The Institute aspires to become an internationally recognized interdisciplinary entity committed to excellence in collaborative research, education, and outreach with a special focus on the health disciplines.

The Director will provide leadership to the integrated education, research, outreach, and entrepreneurial efforts of the Academic Health Collaborative (AHC) and work with faculty across all health programs to create an interdisciplinary vision for health at URI.

THE INSTITUTE FOR INTEGRATED HEALTH AND INNOVATION:

The Institute seeks to:

**Prepare our health professional students to work in a collaborative environment.** Coordinated care is essential to prevent and manage the complex health needs of individuals and populations. New programs and educational supports will teach students to work in health care teams, and provide them with the advantage of learning how to interact and share knowledge, and learn from one another in the pursuit of enhancing health research.

**Encourage cross-disciplinary research in the basic health sciences, the community and at the bedside.** The Institute will provide resources to support these efforts and serve as a vibrant hub for the formation of new ideas and approaches to research, and the dissemination of knowledge.

**Provide an infrastructure to create innovative service and outreach programs and**
clinics that offer integrated services to the University and Rhode Island communities at large. These programs will provide direct services, initiatives to evaluate new innovations, support for entrepreneurial efforts, and training and research opportunities for our students.

Partner with the State of Rhode Island to provide support, service, and expertise in the analysis and provision of health. These partnerships will leverage existing State resources to impact the health of our residents most effectively.

The Director of IIHI will lead the interdisciplinary Institute and hold a tenured faculty position in one of the AHC colleges.

For additional information, please visit www.uri.edu/ahc and www.uri.edu/ahc/iihi.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Lead a multidisciplinary institute committed to integrated and collaborative activities within and across health sciences, services, studies and entrepreneurship.

Collaborate closely with Deans of the three health Colleges in the Academic Health Collaborative, coordinating activities and initiatives across the three major missions/undertakings of the Institute and Health Collaborative as a whole: research, education, and service, placing strong emphasis on integrated and coordinated activities within and across these areas.

Provide leadership for faculty, students and staff collaborating on one or more of the three major functions of the Institute and participate in interdisciplinary teaching, research, and service.

Help create innovative approaches to cross-fertilization and integration of projects to serve multiple core purposes/missions simultaneously, e.g., service and training clinics generating data for research and providing educational placements for undergraduate and graduate students across disciplines; student placements creating opportunities for data gathering for research; research initiatives including a training component for junior faculty members.

Work closely with Associate Director(s) of the Institute on planning and implementing a range of shared resources to support collaboration (e.g., grant management, IT, quantitative analyses, and public-private partnerships.)

Lead Institute Advisory Board with public and private members who can identify and implement opportunities for funding, public-private partnerships, service and training sites.

Represent the Institute at the Academic Health Collaborative, University, State and National levels.

Help develop and implement short- and long-term plans to initiate and expand educational, service, and research activities that tap into shared faculty interests and expertise across the Health Collaborative and thereby maximize faculty involvement and collaboration.

Create support and training opportunities for professional development, with an emphasis on junior faculty members developing their areas of expertise and senior
faculty developing collaborative areas.

Develop and monitor the annual IIHI budgets, including state, federal, and other contract and grant funding; ensure accuracy in budget preparation and monitoring for salaries, indirect cost rates, services and supplies, and cost sharing.

Supervise the administrative staff assigned to the Institute.

As a member of the AHC Executive Committee, assist in the continuing development of AHC initiatives as well as overall pursuit of the AHC mission.

Interact with sponsors and benefactors, in coordination with the AHC Development Officer, on behalf of the IIHI.

Undertake and conduct any other tasks, activities, or responsibilities assigned by the Deans of the AHC Executive Committee.

OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Perform other duties as required.

LICENSES, TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT:

Personal computer, printers, and word processing, database management and spreadsheet software.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:

This position is not substantially exposed to adverse environmental conditions.

QUALIFICATIONS:

**REQUIRED:** Earned doctorate in a health-related field; Demonstrated experience securing extramural funding; Demonstrated leadership of an interdisciplinary, professional organization/initiative; Demonstrated eligibility for tenured faculty appointment at the rank of Full Professor in a related college and/or department; Demonstrated strong interpersonal and verbal communication skills; Demonstrated proficiency in written communication skills; and, Demonstrated ability to work with diverse groups/populations.

**PREFERRED:** Demonstrated leadership and experience in the health disciplines; Demonstrated collaborative management style; Demonstrated personnel and budgetary management experience; Demonstrated evidence of collaborating with public and private sector groups; and, Demonstrated experience interacting with governmental agencies.

**ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE MODIFICATION TO REASONABLY ACCOMMODATE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**