

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-ST. LOUIS
THE DES LEE FOUNDATION ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP IN
AFRICAN/AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

The University of Missouri-St. Louis seeks nominations and applications for the Des Lee Foundation Endowed Professorship in African and African American Studies. The professorship is part of the Des Lee Collaborative Vision, a community of thirty-five endowed professors across disciplines at the University who collectively are dedicated to linking knowledge and resources with community partners through collaboration to build educational, cultural, and research opportunities for all members of the St. Louis community and around the world. The Des Lee Professorship in African/African American Studies will be housed in the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, with shared commitment in the Office of International Studies and Programs (UMSL Global), and have an appointment in one of the following departments: Anthropology, English, History, Political Science, Psychological Sciences, or Sociology.

The successful candidate will be hired at the rank of associate or full professor. As teaching is an important component of this professorship, we are seeking an accomplished and recognized teacher who will take the lead role in developing the undergraduate African American and African Diaspora Studies Program, housed in the College of Arts and Sciences. The expected instructional load will be consistent with the University of Missouri System and University of Missouri-St. Louis policies, as well as the position's endowment agreement. This may include supervising directed research and capstone projects, engaging in research, and performing University and community service in close cooperation with UMSL Global to promote, expand, and strengthen African and African American Studies on and beyond the UMSL campus. The professor will participate in the Des Lee Collaborative Vision and connect with other endowed professors to extend and amplify UMSL's impact within the greater St. Louis region and beyond. A terminal degree (Ph.D. or equivalent), an active research program in any area of African, African American, or African Diasporic Studies with significant publications and/or exhibits, a strong teaching record, appropriate public outreach experience, a record of program development, excellent communication and motivational skills, and ability to synthesize disciplinary perspectives are required.

Salary is commensurate with experience, rank, and discipline.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) is an urban institution located in St. Louis, one of the 20 largest metropolitan areas in the United States. The St. Louis region is exceptionally rich in museums and cultural amenities, and is one of only two cities in the country which has established an area-wide taxing district to support its major cultural institutions, giving them the financial stability for continued growth and improvement. The University of Missouri-St. Louis has partnerships with the five institutions in this district, sharing resources and staff and creating special opportunities for students. For further information about St. Louis, please see: <http://www.stregionalchamber.com/life/overview>

UMSL is one of four institutions in the University of Missouri land-grant system and is classified as RU-H (high research activity) and as a Community Engaged Campus by Carnegie rankings. Both the campus and the College of Arts and Science are committed to an inclusive campus community that values and respects all its members and achieves educational excellence through diversity. We encourage applications from individuals from diverse and minority backgrounds, including individuals with disabilities and veterans. For further information about UMSL, please see: <http://www.umsl.edu/proud/index.html>

Applicants must apply online at www.umsl.jobs and submit a cover letter outlining qualifications and interests, CV, along with names and contact information for five referees in a single .pdf or Word file. Applications received through other sources will not be considered. Review of applications will begin on November 15, 2019 and will continue until the position is filled. Anticipated start date is August

2020. Inquiries and nominations for the position can be sent to Prof. Priscilla Dowden-White padhist@umsl.edu.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer committed to excellence through diversity.

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