The University of Florida College of Medicine - Jacksonville, Florida (UFCOM-J) invites applications and nominations for the position of Chair, Department of Surgery.

The UFCOM-J Department of Surgery is backed by 30 UF faculty surgeons, 18 physician extenders, 34 resident physicians, and a staff of specialists who combine the brilliance of academic excellence with the advanced clinical skills you would expect from some of the finest physicians in the country. The surgery department encompasses: Acute Care Surgery Cardiothoracic Surgery General Surgery Bariatric Surgery Minimally Invasive Surgery Surgical Oncology Breast Surgery Otolaryngology Pediatric Surgery Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery Urology Vascular Surgery.

The department has one of the only natural orifice skull-based surgical programs in the area. The bariatrics program is unique as it offers all methods of minimally invasive weight loss operations including roux-en-Y gastric bypass, gastric band, and gastric sleeve. In addition, a multi-disciplinary approach to breast care and thoracic oncology provides patients with a "one stop" option with excellent care. Vascular surgery continues to expand its interventional and endovascular services. Urology’s research programs continue to grow and the trauma/acute care surgery program continues to be an important resource for seriously injured and critically ill surgical patients.

The Department of Surgery at the UFCOM-J offers graduate medical education training in our ACGME-accredited General Surgery Residency and Surgical Critical Care Fellowship Programs. Also offered is a non-standard Minimally Invasive Surgery fellowship. The department also offers numerous medical student education elective/clerkship courses for third- and fourth-year medical students. Additional information about the Department of Surgery is available at http://hscj.ufl.edu/surgery/.

Reporting to the Dean, the chair is responsible for the overall administrative, academic, and clinical outcomes of the department. The new department chair will join a collegial, highly respected leadership team and will play an instrumental role in continuing to sustain and grow an excellent department in clinical quality, research and education.

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS: UF.COM-J seeks an accomplished academician and clinician with an M.D. or D.O. degree from an accredited medical school, current board certification in a surgical specialty, has or is eligible for a Florida medical license and appropriate academic qualifications for appointment at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor. Candidates must possess a strong record of progressive operational, administrative, and leadership experience along with strong interpersonal and communication skills that complement a passion for excellence and achievement. The successful candidate also must possess a vision to assure the department grows in rank and reputation and be actively involved in professional societies and physician organizations.
The UFCOM-J is the largest of the three UF colleges - medicine, nursing and pharmacy - located on the approximately 110-acre UF Health Jacksonville campus. The college’s 15 clinical science departments house more than 400 faculty members and 300 residents and fellows. The college offers 32 accredited graduate medical education programs. In addition to graduate medical education, clinical rotations in all the major disciplines are provided for students from the UFCOM in Gainesville.

For practicing physicians, the UFCOM-J offers a continuing medical education program that recruits national and international speakers who are well known and respected in their fields. The campus’ faculty, residents and fellows are active in clinical research. Residents and fellows regularly present their findings at locations across the country and publish their projects in well-known publications.

Residents in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia are offered all the benefits of an academic health center by combining our strengths with that of the UF Health Jacksonville. Together, the University of Florida Health Science Center–Jacksonville and UF Health Jacksonville form the region’s premier academic health center–UF Health, a leader in the education of health professionals, a hub for clinical research and a unique provider of high-quality patient care. With more than 5,000 faculty and staff, the academic health center in Jacksonville is the largest UF campus outside of Gainesville, offering nearly 100 specialty services, including: Cancer services; Cardiovascular; Neuroscience; Orthopaedic; Pediatrics; Poison Center; Trauma and Critical Care; and Women and Families services. At 37 clinical sites throughout Northeast Florida, UF physicians tally more than 600,000 outpatient visits and more than 34,000 inpatient admissions annually.

Additionally, located in North Jacksonville is UF Health North - a state-of-the-art outpatient medical complex with a 24/7 full-service emergency room, outpatient surgery, occupational medicine, a birth center, advanced imaging and other diagnostic services. A 92-bed inpatient tower has been approved by the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration to be added to UF Health North. Plans are to begin building a 92-bed inpatient tower by January 2016 with completion targeted in 2017. Once completed, UF Health North will be a full-service hospital capable of meeting most health care needs of area residents.

Located on Florida’s First Coast, Jacksonville is one of the largest cities in land area in the United States. The city provides an eclectic combination of southern hospitality, business and recreational paradise.

More than 1 million people live in the five-county area known as Florida’s First Coast. The area offers something for everyone, with a temperate climate incorporating seasonal changes, miles of beautiful waterways and beaches, and a myriad of public facilities for work and play.

The St. Johns River flows through the heart of downtown Jacksonville. The area is home to 68 miles of Atlantic Ocean coastline and 300 miles of river. Jacksonville has more than 55 world-class golf courses, including the Stadium Course at Sawgrass, beautiful state parks and luxurious spas and resorts. Jacksonville offers a wide array of leisure activities for everyone to enjoy including
golf, tennis, boating, deep-sea fishing and much more! Charming St. Augustine, Amelia Island and Jekyll Island are within easy driving distance. Jacksonville also is home to the National Football League franchise, the Jacksonville Jaguars, and hosted Super Bowl XXXIX in 2005. For those who like the aroma of roasted peanuts and the sound of a bat smashing a home run, The Baseball Grounds is the place to watch the Jacksonville Suns professional baseball team.

Tennis and golf are year-round activities for many in the area, and top-notch facilities for both sports abound. Located in Ponte Vedra Beach are the national headquarters for professional golf’s PGA Tour and the PGA’s innovative Player’s Club at Sawgrass, where THE PLAYERS Championship brings together top names in golf every May.

The city’s cultural life is rich. The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, multiple art museums and galleries, the Museum of Science and History, Jacksonville Zoo, and professional and amateur theaters all contribute to the cultural opportunities available in Jacksonville. The Jacksonville Jazz Festival has set the standard for international jazz festivals. Held each October on the banks of the St. Johns River, the event attracts top artists and thousands of jazz lovers.

Jacksonville is centrally located for day trips to historic St. Augustine, the oldest city in the nation; Sea World and Disney World; St. Simon’s Island; Gainesville; Savannah; Charleston and Tallahassee, the state capitol. Four modern seaport facilities, including the newest cruise port, make Jacksonville very convenient for your vacation cruise travel.

But perhaps the most compelling reason for Jacksonville’s appeal is the sense of warmth and welcome with which newcomers are embraced. We invite you to visit and see what the UFCOM-J and the City of Jacksonville can offer.

The University of Florida is an equal opportunity institution dedicated to building a broadly diverse and inclusive faculty and staff.