The University of Florida’s College of Medicine – Jacksonville (UF COM-J) invites applications and nominations for the position of Senior Associate Dean for Research (SADR). The SADR will be an integral part of the College leadership team, responsible for continued growth of the research enterprise, development of interdisciplinary collaborations, effective advice to faculty, mentorship of junior faculty, increased scholarly activities and enhanced externally sponsored research funding. A key leadership task is the continued cultivation of relationships with leaders of UF colleges, centers and institutes (e.g., Clinical and Translational Science Institute, Cancer Center, etc.), particularly to further foster population-based research via extensive engagement of this highly diverse community in northeast Florida. Effective communication, management and interpersonal skills, with the ability to advance large, multi-investigator, and multi-institution proposals is required.

Reporting to the Dean of the COM-J, the SADR has a lead role working with department chairs, center directors, faculty and potential collaborators across the university to identify and pursue opportunities to build synergistic transdisciplinary research programs. The SADR has primary responsibility for setting policies and the allocation of COM-J resources related to its research enterprise, including budgets of research related expenses, oversight of research centers and facilities as well as internal grant and bridge-funding program to assure research needs of the COM-J faculty are met. The SADR will oversee research center directors, investigators and staff. The SADR has a key role in strategic planning, evaluation and alignment of research priorities for COM-J as well as the sustaining a shared vision of COM-J research with the research mission of UF Health and the University of Florida as a whole. S/he will advise the Dean on new and emerging research opportunities and technologies requiring investments by COM-J.

The SADR will work with all UF colleges with an emphasis on the UF Health Science Center colleges (Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Public Health and Health Professions and Veterinary Medicine), to play a vital role facilitating initiatives that leverage the many talents and strengths of the COM-J faculty and campus within all of UF Health and the University. Working closely with Dean and Executive Vice President for Research and Education for UF Health, the SARD will identify areas for collaborative research activities that will benefit the University, its Health Sciences including the COM-J. The SADR will represent COM-J in the Associate Deans for Research Committee of UF Health Science Center and Associate Deans for Research for the University of Florida.

The successful candidate will be a recognized leader with an outstanding academic background, strong research and scholarly credentials, well established track record of securing extramural funding, demonstrated success and creativity in fostering research collaborations, combined with proven administrative and leadership skills. S/he will play a vital role to identify and secure new funding from the full range of potential sources, including federal and state agencies, industry, foundations and private philanthropy. The candidate will be an accomplished scientist with an MD-PhD, MD, PhD, DrPH or similar advanced degree.

Salary will be competitive and commensurate with academic qualifications and experience.

The UF COM-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 16 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 UF College of Medicine in Gainesville. Third-year medical students enrolled at UF spend about 25 percent of their training at the Jacksonville campus, gaining valuable experience in an urban setting.

The COM-J is on the main campus of UF Health in Jacksonville—a metro area of some 1.5 million residents. UF Health is the major academic health center in north Florida with more than 5,000 faculty and staff, and a 695 bed teaching hospital with over 600,000 annual outpatient visits and 34,000 inpatient admissions. Services encompass both academic tertiary care and primary care. There is a strong social mission in caring for underserved in the region. Moreover, this campus with its world-leading UF Health Proton Therapy Institute is part of a major new initiative generously funded by the Florida state legislature to facilitate UF achieving NCI Cancer Center designation.

This is a great opportunity for an energetic leader to develop cutting edge, high quality programs in health services research and education as the ‘Florida Rising’ preeminence initiative aims to take what is already one of America’s premier public universities into the top ten.

Jacksonville is a vibrant city with highly varied, affordable neighborhoods, diverse cultural and sports events including an NFL football team as well as miles of beautiful beaches and a pleasant climate.

Please direct all nominations and applications to: Steve Cuffe.; Chair, Department of Psychiatry, College of Medicine, Jacksonville. Applications should include one PDF containing the following: (1) a comprehensive letter of interest that addresses how their strengths and experience match the qualifications for the position (2) a curriculum vitae, and (3) names, and contact information for three references. Documents should be submitted electronically to ORA@jax.ufl.edu.

The review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

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