

UF CLASSIFICATION: Assistant/ Associate Professor

WORKING TITLE: Associate Director of Jacksonville Aging Studies Center

SUMMARY OF POSITION ROLE/RESPONSIBILITIES:

The University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville (UF COMJ) is excited to announce the recruitment of a tenure-track faculty candidate to be the Associate Director of the NIH funded Jacksonville Aging Studies Center (JAX-ASCENT).

JAX-ASCENT is a dedicated center on the UF COMJ campus for aging research focused on racial minorities and low socioeconomic status older adults. This state-of-the-art clinical translational research facility has a strong multidisciplinary research partnership with the University of Florida Gainesville Institute on Aging as well as the NIH funded Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center. JAX-ASCENT creates an integrative physical and intellectual environment in which trainees at all levels and scientists from diverse disciplines can interact and conduct clinical and behavioral translational research on aging and independence of older adults. This focus is pursued using an interdisciplinary approach that traverses a broad spectrum of biomedical investigation, including clinical research, behavioral sciences, social sciences, epidemiology, and biostatistics.

The individual recruited to this position will have the opportunity to lead the expansion of JAX-ASCENT and advance highly translational research on aging and independence of older adults. In addition, JAX ASCENT provides the unique opportunity to leverage the diverse population in the Jacksonville area to address specific research questions around health disparities affecting racial minorities and people of low socioeconomic status. Related to this, the UF COMJ is dedicated to advancing medicine and population health through innovation and research that focuses on a wide variety of health-related issues. The UF COMJ boasts a robust funding portfolio, experienced staff, collaborative faculty as well as advanced research infrastructure including the Center for Data Solutions, Center for Research Training and the Office of Research Affairs.

Candidates interested in applying should be at the level of Assistant or Associate Professor with a strong background in the field of clinical translational research on aging. Moreover, competitive candidates will be those with a clear track record of independent extramural funding and peer reviewed publications. JAX-ASCENT provides a strong collaborative environment across all departments and services on the Jacksonville campus, as well as with the University of Florida's Institute on Aging in Gainesville. JAX-ASCENT has a strong infrastructure, start-up funding, and staffing to support the success of early stage investigators, including a strong mentoring system, shared equipment, and other executive support.

Success with respect to the role as Associate Director will be based on candidates ability to develop new innovative clinical translational research on aging-related projects, oversee existing projects, facilitate cross-campus collaborations within both UF-Jacksonville and UF-Gainesville, as well as train and supervise post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty.

EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE

Minimum Qualifications:

The candidate should have a strong track record of peer reviewed publications and external funding in the area of clinical translational research on aging and have a faculty rank of Assistant Professor or higher. Interested applicants must possess a Ph.D. or M.D. or equivalent degree.

Preferred Qualifications:

Preferred candidates will have a research career focused on age-related illness, disability, and inflammations; with proven experience with geriatric communities. Preferred applicants will have participated in NIH funded projects as PI, Co-PI or Co-investigator levels. Preferred applicants will demonstrate the ability to produce verbal and written communication appropriate for a range of audiences, including scholarly reports and publications. Candidates should have demonstrated interpersonal skills that foster teamwork and collaboration, the ability to work effectively individually and as part of a team; with the ability to handle multiple projects.

The University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville 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](#).

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; Orthopedic; 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.

Located in North Jacksonville is UF Health North, the only full-service hospital in North Jacksonville. The state-of-the-art hospital at UF Health North offers conveniently located, high-quality health care to patients across Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia. It offers a wide range of inpatient and outpatient services unavailable anywhere else in North Jacksonville, provided by UF Health and community physicians. The hospital features all-private rooms, which studies show promote healing and improve the patient experience. Patient engagement technology in patient suites allows for easy meal ordering, TV control and access to nurses. The hospital is adjacent to the existing medical office building, where UF Health providers offer more than 20 specialties, including pediatrics and women’s health services. The campus is located on Max Leggett Parkway close to Jacksonville International Airport, approximately 15 minutes from Nassau County and less than 30 minutes from Georgia. For more information, visit <http://north.ufhealthjax.org/>.

Located on Florida's First Coast, Jacksonville is the largest city in land area in the United States and currently ranked number 12 in population with right at 1 million residents. 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.