Chair,
Department of Clinical and Health Psychology
*Announcement and Prospectus*

University of Florida
College of Public Health and Health Professions
Announcement

The University of Florida’s College of Public Health and Health Professions (PHHP) invites applications and nominations for the position of Chair of the Department of Clinical and Health Psychology. The Department is a unique, freestanding academic clinical psychology program with 30 core faculty, over 80 doctoral students, and two APA accredited programs: a doctoral program in clinical psychology and a clinical internship in professional psychology. Beyond broad and general training in clinical psychology, the department has four concentration areas: Child/Pediatric Psychology, Health Psychology, Neuropsychology-Neurorehabilitation-Clinical Neuroscience, and Emotion Neuroscience. Key responsibilities of the Chair will be to further enhance the Department’s PhD program, expand its extramurally-funded research portfolio, and provide leadership for the department’s internship, postdoctoral training programs, and clinical training areas. The Chair has the opportunity to creatively expand the Department’s scientific and interprofessional mission within the College and the Health Science Center. The Chair will provide leadership and oversight of all aspects of departmental functions including academic programming, research scholarship, clinical operations, finances, human resources, and governance structures. The Chair will work with the Dean and the faculty to ensure a culture that promotes academic career development and facilitates appropriate tenure and promotion of the department’s faculty.
Preferred Skills, Knowledge and Abilities

- Leadership skills
- Interpersonal skills
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Administrative skills
- Experience in team science
- Experience in interprofessional education, training, and clinical service
- National leadership and experience in integrating science and practice of psychology
- Working knowledge of public health
- Record of scholarly accomplishments
- Record of collaborative team building

Qualifications

- Doctoral degree in psychology from an accredited institution and APA accredited doctoral program
- Recognized and experienced leader in a health-related area of psychology
- Commitment to innovation in education, research, and clinical education
- Licensed psychologist (or eligible for licensure in State of Florida)
- Commitment to the College of PHHP and Health Science Center goals, especially focusing on interprofessional, collaborative research, education, and service
- A strong record of academic accomplishments, scholarly recognition, active external research support and leadership responsibilities to warrant appointment at the level of professor

The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity Institution dedicated to building a culturally diverse and inclusive faculty and staff. The selection process will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida’s “Government in the Sunshine” and Public Records Laws. Search committee meetings and interviews will be open to the public, and all applications, resumés and other documents related to the search will be available for public inspection.

Candidates would be joining a vibrant academic community with outstanding opportunities for collaborative research as part of the UF Rising campaign to national preeminence.
Compensation

Compensation will be highly competitive and include a generous benefit package. Salary will be commensurate with credentials and experience.

Nomination and Application Process

Interested applicants should provide a letter of interest, Curriculum Vitae, and the names of three references to Linda B. Cottler, PhD. MPH, Chair of the Search Committee, c/o Ms. Lorie Martin, PO Box 100185, Gainesville, FL 32610-0188. (Phone: 352-273-6198; Fax: 352-273-6535; e-mail: lomarti@phhp.ufl.edu ). Application review will continue until the position is filled.
Prospectus

The Department of Clinical and Health Psychology (www.chp.phhp.ufl.edu), established in 1962, is a unique free-standing department that is housed within the UF Health Science Center. The Department has a 50-year history of providing APA-accredited doctoral and internship training in clinical psychology and advanced specialty-specific training in four content areas: Child/Pediatric Psychology; Health Psychology; Neuropsychology, Neurorehabilitation and Clinical Neuroscience; and Emotion Neuroscience. Since inception, faculty within the Department have provided professional leadership at national and international levels and have a diverse portfolio of research funding.

Departmental Mission

The mission of the Department is to “educate tomorrow’s leaders in psychology in the scientist-practitioner and clinical research traditions, to advance psychological science, and improve the health and quality of life for all people through excellence in education, research, and health service delivery.”

Research

The Department has a diverse research portfolio that includes funding from federal (NIH, VA, Department of Defense, Health Resources and Service Administration), private foundations (e.g., American Lung Association, Michael J. Fox Foundation), and other sources. The Department is also home to an NIH funded T-32 training grant, now in its 11th year, focused on cognitive aging. Research domains within the Department are united in
the use of hypothesis driven approaches that range from more neural/biological mechanisms to underlying psychological/behavioral principles to more applied intervention approaches and outcome studies. A sample of active research initiatives within the Department include the following:

- **Child/Pediatric Psychology**: Interventions for obesity in children and adults; family based interventions to improve treatment adherence in asthma and other medical conditions; autism spectrum disorders

- **Neuropsychology/neurorehabilitation/clinical neuroscience**: Neuroimaging and physiological correlates of negative affect circuitry, anxiety, and depression; Emotion regulation, executive function and Parkinson disease; Sports related concussion and traumatic brain injury in adults and children; Predictors of post-operative cognitive decline in older adults; Cognitive and neuroimaging subtypes in Parkinson; Cognitive aging and brain health interventions with older adults

- **Health Psychology**: Psychoneuroimmunology and biopsychosocial approaches to health and cancer; Experimental pain, placebo effects, and brain imaging; Mechanisms underlying normal and pathological sleep; Health promotion, obesity and exercise; Health outcomes and well-being among low income and minority populations with focus on HIV/AIDS and substance abuse

- **Evidence based research for treatment** of anxiety disorders, childhood behavioral disorders (using PCIT), insomnia in older adults, TBI-related cognitive disturbance, age-related cognitive decline, and apathy/depression in Parkinson disease

The Department is home to several interdisciplinary research centers including the NIMH Center for the Study of Attention and Emotion, the Center for Pain Research and Behavioral Health, the Center for Pediatric Psychology and Family Studies, and the National Rural Behavioral Health Center. The Department also co-sponsors the Center for Neuropsychological Studies. Due to its position within the Health Science Center, the Department’s research collaborations span multiple departments, colleges, and centers (e.g., Anesthesiology, Cardiology, Dentistry, Epidemiology, Genetics, Hematology-Oncology, Internal Medicine, Neurology, Neuroscience, Neurosurgery, Nursing, Orthopedics, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Pulmonary Medicine, Radiology, Institute on Aging, McKnight Brain Institute, Institute for Food and Agricultural Science, etc.)
Education

The department has two APA-accredited educational programs – a PhD program in Clinical Psychology and an internship in professional psychology. The doctoral program, which offers a Master of Science degree along the path to the doctorate, has been continuously accredited since 1953 and has a rich history of scientist-practitioner education. The curriculum offers broad and general training in the science and practice of clinical training as well as advanced didactic, research, and clinical training in four areas of concentration: Child/Pediatric Psychology; Health Psychology; Neuropsychology, Neurorehabilitation and Clinical Neuroscience; and Emotion Neuroscience. Within the curriculum, a scientist-practitioner emphasis and a clinical researcher emphasis are available, with the latter offering extended research training in the student's declared area of concentration. The CHP doctoral program has been ranked in the 93rd percentile by the National Research Council's data-based ranking system and is the top rated clinical psychology program in the State of Florida. The overall goals of the graduate program are to prepare students to:

investigate meaningful, empirically testable questions in the quest for understanding a behavioral process, a patient's problem, or a professional issue;
function competently as a professional psychologist;
practice competently in the applied areas of psychological assessment/diagnosis, intervention/therapy, and consultation; and
contribute to the advancement of psychological knowledge through research or other creative scholarly activity.

There are approximately 80 students in the doctoral program, with 12-15 students in each new class; selected from an annual applicant pool of over 300. The average entering GPA for the past five years has been 3.76 and the average entering GREs have been 160 verbal and 155 quantitative. Over 97% of graduates have passed the national licensing exam (EPPP) over the past 5 years. There is a strong history of success in obtaining NIH funding through predoctoral (F31) NRSA grants or through T-32 training grants. The internship program has been accredited since 1963, with 14 interns admitted each year. Through a recently awarded HRSA grant, the internship also provides specific training experiences with underserved clinical populations. In both the doctoral and internship programs, students benefit from faculty expertise in clinical-child/pediatric psychology, health psychology, and clinical
neuropsychology. Clinical training of interns and doctoral students draws on the resources of the department-run Psychology Clinic, housed within the UF Health Science Center.

**Clinical Service**

The department is the primary psychology service provider for the UF Health Science Center and hospitals, and through its Psychology Clinic, offers inpatient and outpatient services that reflect state-of-the art understanding of psychological concerns and evidence-based treatments of a broad range of biopsychosocial problems. During the past year, approximately 11,000 patient visits occurred across specialized assessment and treatment clinics including Health Psychology, Fear and Anxiety Disorders, Neuropsychology, Child, and General Mental Health. Within these clinics, unique services include pre-post surgical evaluations (epilepsy surgery, deep brain stimulation surgery, cardiac surgery), Brain Health assessments including dementia, TBI, and adult learning disabilities, health psychology services (adherence, pain management, sleep problems, assessing predictors of rehabilitation outcome in TBI and spinal cord injury, psychological factors affecting medical symptoms and health care behaviors), child/pediatric psychology assessments (adjustment to medical illness, family functioning), and child neurocognitive evaluations (autism, ADHD, developmental learning disorders). In addition to the Psychology clinic, the Department provides clinical services at satellite locations including the Center for Movement Disorders, the Institute on Aging, and the Sleep Disorders program at Magnolia Park. The Department also collaborates with a rural school district to offer a satellite clinic in neighboring Columbia County that provides child and family treatment services and school consultation. The UF Health Childrens Hospital and the UF Health Cancer Hospital provide unique opportunities for service growth.

**Summary: General Program Facts**

**Stand alone department** within the UF Health Science Center (College of PHHP)

**APA accredited doctoral and internship programs** with advanced specialty training in:

- Child /Pediatric Psychology
- Health Psychology
- Neuropsychology  Neurorehabilitation, and Clinical Neuroscience
- Emotion Neuroscience and Psychopathology
Integration of Science and Practice in the classroom, clinic, and laboratory
  • Science-Practitioner Emphasis
  • Clinical-Research Emphasis

83 currently enrolled doctoral students and 14 clinical interns
30 Core Faculty

Diverse research portfolio focused on principles and application of clinical science with funding from federal agencies (NIH, VA, HRSA), private foundations, and other sources

Rankings: 2010 National Research Council data-based ranking: 93rd percentile of all clinical psychology programs in US, top clinical psychology program in Florida; Ranked #1 doctoral program in College of Public Health and Health Professions and ranked #2 at the University of Florida based on 2014 UF study of doctoral program productivity and success indicators

Professional leadership and service to the field of psychology, historically and currently, with faculty being:
  • Past or current presidents of professional societies (e.g., International Neuropsychology Society, various APA Divisions, American Board of Sleep Medicine)
  • Active in APA governance as committee chairs or representatives
  • Recipients of society and APA awards for distinguished contributions to the field of psychology (Scientific, Professional, Educational-Training, Mentorship)

Departmental awards from the American Psychological Association for:
  • Advancement of Interdisciplinary Education and Training in Psychology (2011)
  • Culture of Service in Psychological Sciences (2007),
  • APA Graduate Students (APAGS) Department of the Year (2001)

Regents Type III Departmental Centers
  • NIMH Center for the Student of Emotion and Attention
  • Center for Pediatric Psychology and Family Studies
  • Center for Pain Research and Behavioral Health
  • National Rural Behavioral Health Center
  • (With Neurology): Center for Neuropsychological Studies

The new Chair of the Department of Clinical and Health Psychology will continue to build on this strong foundation of scholarship, including a vibrant active faculty and strong clinical presence in the Health Science Center, to help shape the future of the department in education, research, and service. New directions will complement existing strengths and capitalize on the co-location of academic programs of the health professions and public health as well as the other disciplines represented in the other colleges of Health Science Center, and across the University of Florida campus.
Facilities

The department is located in a state-of-the-art academic complex which houses the Colleges of Public Health and Health Professions, Nursing, and Pharmacy (HPNP). HPNP classrooms range in size from 20 to 139 seats, plus a 500-seat auditorium and a 76-seat distance-learning lab. Each classroom is equipped with an enclosed, networked PC connected to one or more ceiling mounted projectors. Clinical training occurs in conjunction with the closely affiliated UF HealthCare System. The UF Health network has seven hospitals, including two health science centers (UF Health Shands in Gainesville and UF Health Shands in Jacksonville), three community hospitals, and two specialty facilities. Multiple research facilities are also adjacent to the college, including several state-of-the-art institutes and centers located at the UF Health Science Center as well as the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center, a tertiary care and active teaching hospital that offers an array of specialty services and houses the Brain Research and Rehabilitation Center.
College of Public Health and Health Professions

The mission of the UF College of Public Health and Health Professions is to preserve, promote and improve the health and well-being of populations, communities and individuals. To fulfill this mission, we foster collaborations among public health and health professions in education, research and service.

In 2009 the college received five-year accreditation from the Council on Education for Public Health. In 2014, the College completed a self-study for reaccreditation. The self-study was very favorable reviewed and official notice of reaccreditation is expected in fall 2014. PHHP is the first college of public health and health professions to receive accreditation as a school of public health.

Teaching

The college is composed of nine departments: behavioral science and community health; biostatistics; clinical and health psychology; environmental and global health; epidemiology; health services research, management and policy; occupational therapy; physical therapy; and speech, language and hearing sciences. The college offers one undergraduate degree, seven master’s degrees, eight PhD degrees and two professional degree programs. In the past academic year, the college awarded 253 bachelor’s, 200
master’s and 140 doctoral degrees. The college’s graduate programs are highly ranked among AAU public universities in U.S. News and World Report’s graduate school rankings.

**Research**

With more than $26 million in research funding, the college ranks fifth among UF’s 16 colleges and second among UF colleges in research grants per tenure-track faculty member. Among colleges of health professions, the College of Public Health and Health Professions consistently ranks first or second in National Institutes of Health research funding.

The College is home to nine interdisciplinary research centers and has four training grants from the National Institutes of Health. These include: a K-12 Rehabilitation Research Career Development award and three T-32 training grants: one in rehabilitation and neuromuscular plasticity, a second in cognitive, physical, and functional aging, and a third in addiction and substance abuse. The College established the Florida Trauma Rehabilitation Center for Returning Military Personnel to advance rehabilitation science for a growing population of service members with complex and severe injuries.

**Service**

The College of PHHP is home to two patient clinics offering services in Psychology and in Speech, Language, and Audiologic Disorders. The Departments of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy also have contracts with UF Health Shands to provide rehabilitative services. Local community service is also provided through HealthStreet, a community-based initiative that works to reduce healthcare disparities in healthcare and research by linking the medically underserved to medical and social services and opportunities to participate in research. The Rural South Public Health Training Center has been established to serve the medically under-served counties of Florida, especially those in rural regions of the state by providing competency-based training for the public health workforce with a special emphasis on needs related to HIV/AIDS.

The Community Health Scholars and Public Health Scholars programs link interested students with projects identified by local health department staff members. In the Interdisciplinary Family Health program, students from each of the HSC colleges participate in an
interprofessional course that is designed to teach students to work in a team-based approach to address the healthcare issues of community families, enhance interpersonal collaboration, and give students a sense of civic responsibility and a broader appreciation of family health within a community context. Clinical and Health psychology students participate in this course, and several departmental faculty teach in this program.

The college launched a collaborative research and service public health initiative in Gressier, Haiti, in 2009. Called “A Better Tomorrow for Haiti,” the project encompasses a public health laboratory, a school-based nutrition program, family health clinics, and micro-finance projects that integrate public health, agriculture and economic best practices.

**UF Health Science Center**

The UF Health Science Center (https://ufhealth.org/about-us) is the country’s only academic health center with six health-related colleges located on a single, contiguous campus. They include the colleges of dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health and health professions, and veterinary medicine. The colleges teach the full continuum of higher education from undergraduate to professional and advanced post-doctoral students, enrolling more than 6,000 students each year. UF is a leader in interdisciplinary research and education as a result of a long-term strategy to create physical facilities and provide strong academic support for collaboration.

The Health Science Center generates more than half of UF’s total research awards. Major research Institutes and centers provide state-of the art environments for faculty across
diverse colleges to pursue important health related research questions. These include a general Clinical Research Center (CRC) that is NIH-funded through the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, the Institute on Aging, the Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Brain Institute, the UF Health Cancer Center, and the UF Genetics Institute. Other relevant centers include the Center for Movement Disorders and Neurodegeneration, the Center for Translational Research in Neurodegenerative Disease, the Center for Autism and Related Disorders, the Center for Pediatric Psychology and Family Studies, the Center for Excellence in Childhood Studies, the Center for Pain Research and Behavioral Disorders, the Center for Traumatic Brain Injury Studies, the Center for Neuropsychological Studies, and the newly funded Southeast Center for Integrated Metabolomics. Also located within the heart of the UF Health Science Center is the Biomedical Sciences building which houses faculty from the Departments of Biomedical Engineering, Medicine, and PHHP.

The Health Science Center is closely affiliated with UF Health, part of the University of Florida Health System. Within the healthcare system are an 850 bed teaching hospital, an 81-bed psychiatric hospital, a 40 bed outpatient rehabilitation facility, and numerous outpatient and specialty clinics including a stand alone Psychology Clinic run by the Department of Clinical and Health Psychology. Also located on the HSC campus is the Veterans Administration Medical Center of Gainesville. All the HSC colleges and teaching hospital/clinics are physically adjacent to one another, facilitating multidisciplinary collaborations and interactions. Together with clinical programs and services across all HSC colleges, the UF Health partnership is helping to create Florida’s future healthcare workforce.
Health Science Center Vision and Core Values

Together we strive to create unstoppable momentum toward the goal of improving individual and community health through discovery, clinical and translational science and technology, exceptional education and patient-centered, innovative, high-quality health care. Our core institutional values are:

- Excellence
- Trust
- Accountability
- Innovation
- Teamwork
- Integrity
- Diversity

Our institutional values are visualized with Patient and Community at the heart. But our objectives are not purely clinical. A huge part of our institutional mission is, of course, education and research. And, ultimately, both are fundamentally intertwined with patients and community. Biomedical research, for example, can include fundamental research or highly translational work. Regardless, it ultimately is directed down the same path of improved health for patients, for families, for the community. Similarly, strong educational programs that train the next generation of health care providers are at the foundation of excelling in taking care of patients, of families, of the community. All these things together will propel us forward.”
University of Florida

The University of Florida is a major research university and one of only 17 public, land-grant universities that belong to the Association of American Universities. It is the state's oldest and most comprehensive university and is among the nation's most academically diverse public higher education institutions. UF has a long history of established programs in education, research, health care and service.

UF has a 2,000-acre campus and more than 900 buildings, including 170 with classrooms and laboratories. UF's extensive capital improvement program has resulted in facilities ideal for 21st century academics and research, including the Clinical Translational Research Building, Emerging Pathogens Institute building; the Cancer and Genetics Research Center; the new Biomedical Sciences Building; and the Proton-beam Therapy Center in Jacksonville.