



**Chair, Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology
Saint Louis University School of Medicine**

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Employer

Saint Louis University

Location

St. Louis, Missouri

Discipline

Biomedicine

Job Type

Head of Department

Employment - Hours

Full time

Duration

Permanent

Qualification

PhD

Sector

Academia

Position Summary

Saint Louis University School of Medicine invites applications or nominations for the position of Chair for the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology (MMI). The Chair reports to the Vice President of Medical Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine, and is responsible for leadership and management of the education and research missions of the University, School of Medicine, and the Department.

Housed in a state-of-the-art research and teaching complex with other basic science departments in the SLU School of Medicine, MMI is a collaborative, innovative, inclusive, and dynamic department. The department mission includes:

1. Providing outstanding training opportunities for undergraduate, graduate, and medical students and post-doctoral fellows.
2. Advancing scientific knowledge through research and scholarly activity.
3. Developing new strategies to improve human health.

Department faculty, students, and postdoctoral fellows conduct research in areas including cancer immunology, autoimmunity, infectious diseases, and vaccine development. As a multidisciplinary department that uses cutting-edge techniques and technologies, the department benefits from a highly collaborative environment and outstanding core research facilities at the medical school as well as the wider university. Departmental research is enhanced through access to genomics, imaging, and animal core facilities, among others, and the department offers opportunities for membership in collaborative centers including the Institute for Drug and Biotherapeutic Innovation (IDBI) and the Institute of Clinical and Translational Sciences. Members of the department have access to the nationally acclaimed Cortex Innovation Community, as well as to multiple local startup-supporting institutions that are part of the fast-growing, cutting-edge medical and biotechnology community operating throughout the St. Louis region.

Qualifications

Saint Louis University seeks candidates who have a commitment to academic and research excellence, the highest level of personal integrity and ethical standards, and an established reputation for compassion, inclusion, fairness, and objectivity. The Chair of MMI is responsible for the strategic leadership and management of the Department to further the research and education missions of Saint Louis University and the School of Medicine, including oversight of departmental faculty, staff, learners, and budgetary and regulatory affairs. The Chair sets the tone for the Department and will uphold Saint Louis University's values, including its strong commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Candidates will possess an approachable, servant-leader style and will demonstrate excellence in research and success in research funding, teaching, program development, and experience in research administration. They will have a record of cooperative working relationships and effective use of interpersonal and communication skills that incorporate tact and diplomacy. The Chair will be capable of cultivating and enhancing the strong culture of faculty and researcher engagement and accountability and will bring a willingness to learn and collaborate in all aspects of the School's strategic approach to education, research, diversity, and inclusion.

Application Submissions

The search committee is committed to respecting and maintaining confidentiality. Application materials must include: (1) curriculum vitae; (2) cover letter (1 page); (3) vision statement highlighting specific strengths related to this position and addressing research, teaching, and leadership, including previous administrative experience and accomplishments, research interests and plans, teaching interests and experience with personnel management (limit 3 pages); (4) statement describing previous and potential contributions to excellence through fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion as a leader (1 page); and (5) the names of at least three references (not to be contacted without the permission of the applicant).

The responsibilities and expectations for the Chair are outlined in the position description which may be found as part of the application for submission through Workday at:

https://slu.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/Careers/job/SLU-Saint-Louis-MO/Academic-Department-Chair---Molecular-Microbiology-and-Immunology--MMI-_2024-07775

All application materials must be submitted through the electronic applicant tracking system to be eligible for consideration.

A criminal background check is required as a condition of employment.

For additional information or to nominate qualified candidates please email the Search Committee Chair, Dr. Daniela Salvemini at daniela.salvemini@health.slu.edu.

To ensure full consideration, please submit all application materials by Monday, March 4, 2024.