

**DEPARTMENT HEAD AND ROBB CHAIR  
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT  
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

The College of Engineering at Penn State University invites nominations and applications for the position of Department Head and Robb Chair in the Department of Chemical Engineering. The College seeks an individual who will provide innovative and energetic leadership with effective administrative skills and a strong commitment to higher education. The successful candidate will hold the endowed Robb Chair and must have a strong commitment to research, as well as an established and widely recognized reputation in Chemical Engineering. An earned doctorate is required.

The Department currently has 19 full-time faculty plus a number of joint and affiliated faculty from other departments within Penn State. There are about 100 students in the graduate program and Penn State has graduated the most BS chemical engineers in the US over the past decade. Penn State Chemical Engineering has recently been rated among the top five departments in the country in terms of annual research expenditures. Key research areas are biomolecular engineering, nanoscale and materials engineering, and computation. These key areas are strongly supported by the university through consortia devoted to the Cyber Science, Energy and the Environment, Life Sciences, Materials, and Natural Gas Research. The Chemical Engineering Department has been a leading innovator in multi-disciplinary activities, both within Penn State and through partnerships with other universities and industry. Information about the department can be found at <http://www.che.psu.edu/>.

Interested applicants should submit a curriculum vitae and vision statement electronically to Ms. Bobbi Schaffer at [blsdo@engr.psu.edu](mailto:blsdo@engr.psu.edu). We will begin to review applications on January 6, 2014 and our search will continue until the position is filled. It is intended that the position will be filled by the beginning of the 2014 - 2015 academic year. Applications will be treated with the strictest confidence. Inquiries can be made to Kristen Fichthorn via e-mail to [fichthorn@psu.edu](mailto:fichthorn@psu.edu) or by phone at: (814) 863-4807.

Employment will require successful completion of background check(s) in accordance with University policies. Penn State is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity and the diversity of its workforce.