University of Missouri – St. Louis
Invites applications for the position of
Professor and Chair of the Department of Biology

The University of Missouri-St. Louis seeks an outstanding leader and scientist to serve as Chair of the Department of Biology starting fall semester 2015. The successful applicant will have a strong record of biological research productivity, extramural funding, academic leadership, and a commitment to teaching and student engagement. The appointment for the position will be made at the rank of full professor. The new Chair will complement the current strengths of the department in research and student education and provide the vision to guide the department to new levels of excellence.

UM-St. Louis is ranked in the top 10 nationally by the Academic Analytics Faculty Productivity Index and first in the Midwest of universities with 15 or fewer doctoral programs. UM-St. Louis is the third largest university in the state and the most ethnically diverse campus in the UM system. The Department of Biology is ranked 16th in the nation for its evolutionary biology group, and has additional strengths in RNA biology, plant biology, and microbiology. The Biology Department currently has 19 full-time faculty, training ~500 undergraduate majors and ~90 PhD and MS students in two broad programs: Ecology, Evolution and Systematics, and Cell and Molecular Biology. In conjunction with the Department of Chemistry, Biology also supports joint BS and MS programs in Biochemistry & Biotechnology with ~130 students. The Biology Department is home to the Whitney R. Harris World Ecology Center, a premier institution for worldwide biodiversity conservation. Strong institutional collaborations with the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, the Missouri Botanical Garden, and the Saint Louis Zoo have been enhanced through E. Desmond Lee and Family endowed positions within the Biology Department. More information about the department, its programs, and faculty can be found at: http://www.umsl.edu/~biology/

Application review will begin December 1, 2014 and continue until the position is filled. Applicants must combine all application materials (cover letter, resume, statement of current and future research plans, and copies of five representative publications) into a single pdf document for submission online at http://www.umsl.jobs. Interested individuals may contact Dr. Wendy Olivas (olivasw@umsl.edu) with any questions. Reference letters will be requested from candidates making the short list. The University of Missouri-St. Louis is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity employer committed to excellence through diversity.