Teresa M. Fischer Endowed Professor for Citizenship Education
University of Missouri—St. Louis

The College of Education seeks applications for the Teresa M. Fischer Endowed Professor for Citizenship Education. The Fischer professor will lead educational programming emphasizing participatory citizenship in a democratic society and will promote relevant initiatives through teaching, research, program development, and fundraising. The Fischer Professorship is part of the Des Lee Collaborative Vision, a community of thirty-five endowed professors across disciplines who collectively are dedicated to linking the knowledge and resources of universities with community partners through collaboration with an emphasis on increasing opportunity for underserved populations.

The successful applicant for this prestigious professorship will have a strong scholarly record and demonstrated success in community and school outreach that supports K-12 civic, history, and/or social studies education. In addition to a salary commensurate with the status of an established scholar, this position includes distribution funds to support scholarship and program activities.

A competitive applicant will have an earned doctorate in education or other fields appropriate to citizenship education. Candidates must demonstrate excellence in research, success in writing grant proposals, and a strong willingness to pursue external funding. In addition to a strong research record, the ideal Fischer Endowed Professor will be an active faculty member modeling excellence in teaching, service, and community engagement. The position’s rank is at the associate professor level and is a 9-month contract with an anticipated start date of August 2019. The expected instructional load will be consistent with the University of Missouri system and University of Missouri—St. Louis policy for endowed professors; a research-intensive scholar will likely teach three courses per year.

Other responsibilities include:

- Serving as director of the university’s existing citizenship education program (currently named the Citizenship Education Clearing House or CECH), including oversight of their activities
- Strengthening partnerships with community institutions, school districts, and public and private schools
- Securing additional funding for new program initiatives
- Promoting participatory citizenship education and social studies education activities through teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels
- Developing methods and materials for elementary, secondary and college-level students
- Coordinating the annual David Gottlieb Citizenship Education Fellowship to a graduate student studying citizenship education at UMSL and demonstrating high quality work as an education practitioner who fits CECH’s focus on participatory citizenship in a democratic society
Collaborating with other Des Lee Collaborative Vision endowed professors both within and outside the College of Education to extend and amplify UMSL’s impact within the greater St. Louis region and beyond.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) is committed to an inclusive campus community that values and respects all its members and achieves educational excellence through diversity. The College of Education has strong commitments to community partnership and social justice, and we seek a faculty colleague who shares these values. We encourage applications from individuals from diverse and minority backgrounds, including individuals with disabilities and veterans.

UMSL is one of four institutions in the University of Missouri land-grant system and is classified as RU-H (high research activity) and as a Community Engaged Campus by Carnegie rankings. For further information about UMSL, please see: http://www.umsl.edu/proud/index.html. It is an urban institution located in St. Louis, one of the 20 largest metropolitan areas in the United States. For further information about St. Louis, please see: http://www.stlregionalchamber.com/life/overview.

Applicants must apply online at www.umsl.jobs and submit a cover letter, CV, references in a single .pdf or Word file. Applications received through other sources will not be considered. Review of applications will begin on November 1, 2018, and continue until the position is filled. Interested individuals may contact Michael W. Bahr, Ph.D., Search Committee Chair, College of Education, with any questions at bahrmi@umsl.edu.