

Professor and Chair—Search #67701 Department of Computer Science Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing

The Department of Computer Science in the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing invites applications and nominations for the position of Chair and Professor of Computer Science. The home campus for this position will be the Statesboro campus, but the position will have oversight responsibilities for faculty and instructional activities on the other campuses as well.

Georgia Southern University is a distinctive combination of Southern charm and uncompromising academics. We are a Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution serving about 26,500 students through nine colleges on three beautiful oak-lined campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville, and via a growing online program. Throughout its degree offerings at the associate's bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels, Georgia Southern cultivates community collaboration, world-class scholarship and hands-on learning opportunities.

Georgia Southern University was founded in 1906 as a school for teaching modern agricultural production techniques and homemaking skills to rural school children. Its Savannah campus was established in 1935 as Armstrong Junior College for local youth who could not afford to attend college away from home. The Liberty Center in Hinesville was established in 1998 to serve the military and their families at nearby Fort Stewart, the largest military base east of the Mississippi. All three locations came together in 2018 when Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University consolidated. The "new" Georgia Southern University preserves a passion for serving its neighbors while preparing students for lifelong service as scholars, leaders, and responsible stewards of their communities.

Within this setting, Georgia Southern University's Department of Computer Science offers an on-campus Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Computer Science and a hybrid-format Master of Science degree with a major in Computer Science. The BS program has specializations leading to certifications in multiple domains, including Network and Computer Security, Game Programming, Software Engineering, and Broadband and Mobile Systems. Georgia Southern's BS in Computer Science program is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission (CAC) of ABET.

<u>Position Description</u>. Reporting to the dean of the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing, the chair of the Department of Computer Science will provide leadership for the teaching, scholarship, and service missions of the department on both the Armstrong and Statesboro campuses. The chair will advance a culture of academic excellence where distinction in teaching, research, and service is expected and rewarded. The chair will provide leadership for undergraduate and graduate curriculum development, assessment of student learning, accreditation, research programs, and initiatives that further the department's and College's strategic plans. The chair will also be responsible for departmental resource management, such as budgeting, purchasing, and academic scheduling. The chair will represent the department within the University community as well as maintain contacts with industry, alumni, and external stakeholders. The chair will be an active teacher-scholar in the department and participate in service. The position is a 12-month, tenured appointment at the full professor rank, and requires a terminal degree. The salary is competitive and commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Required Qualifications:

- Earned terminal degree in Computer Science, or closely related field from an accredited institution.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills.
- Minimum of 5 years of full-time college/university teaching experience at the associate professor level is required for the rank of professor along with a strong record of research and service with substantial publications and presentations in professional venues.
- Commitment to engaging with best practice initiatives in instruction and pedagogy, mentoring, and curriculum design and development.
- Must be authorized to work in the United States for the duration of employment without assistance from the institution.

Preferred Oualifications:

- Demonstrated strong leadership ability.
- Teaching or research expertise in one or more of the following areas: big data; data warehousing; mobile ad hoc networks; cloud computing; machine learning; or computer security.
- Experience relevant to recruiting, developing, and retaining high achieving faculty.
- Experience with managing a department or program, including budgeting.
- A history of an open administrative style, showing flexibility in governance and demonstrating the ability to earn the trust and confidence of faculty, students, staff and administrators.
- Experience with developing partnerships with business and industry leaders in the public and private sectors, including fundraising.
- Experience with strategic planning and program development.
- Established record of competitive scholarship and the acquisition and management of extramural funding.
- Experience with ABET and/or university-wide accreditation.

Screening of applications begins December 1st, 2019, and continues until the position is filled. The preferred position starting date is July 1st, 2020. A complete application will consist of a single electronic PDF file attachment containing: 1) cover letter addressing how the applicant meets the required and preferred qualifications; 2) curriculum vitae; and 3) names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of at least five professional references. References will not be contacted without prior knowledge and approval of candidates. Other documentation may also be requested. Only complete electronic applications, submitted as a single PDF file attachment will be considered. Finalists will also be required to submit to a background investigation. Applications and nominations should be submitted as an email attachment to:

Dr. Andres Carrano, Search Chair, Search #67701 Paulson College of Engineering and Computing Georgia Southern University Statesboro GA 30460 Electronic mail: engrcomp@georgiasouthern.edu

More information about the institution is available through http://www.georgiasouthern.edu or cec.georgiasouthern.edu. Georgia Southern University seeks to recruit individuals who are committed to working in diverse academic and professional communities and who are committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and professional service within the University and beyond. The names of applicants and nominees, vitae, and other non-evaluative information may be subject to public inspection under the Georgia Open Records Act. Georgia Southern University is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity institution. Individuals who need reasonable accommodations under the ADA to participate in the search process should contact the Vice Provost.