Director
Bob Graham Center for Public Service
Job Announcement / Description

The University of Florida invites nominations and applications for the first Director of the Bob Graham Center for Public Service. The Center benefits from its strong ties with the former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator, who dedicated much of his career to public service.

The Bob Graham Center for Public Service brings the immense intellectual resources of the entire University of Florida to bear on the central problems of public policy. On campus, the Center provides a forum in which important issues of the day are vigorously discussed by leading scholars, policy makers, students, and members of the community. The Center fosters interdisciplinary research on public policy, reaching out to government and non-governmental organizations. It also promotes civic engagement by UF students to facilitate their place among tomorrow’s leaders at the state, national, and international levels.

Located in Pugh Hall, a brand new state of the art building constructed specifically to house it, the Graham Center is in its formative stage, offering its first permanent director considerable opportunity to shape its focus in consultation with the an oversight board and the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The work of the Center is funded by a combination of public funds, grants, and private gifts. The Director reports directly to the Dean of the College, Professor Paul D'Anieri (http://www.clas.ufl.edu/). More information about the Graham Center is available at: http://www.bobgrahamcenter.ufl.edu//.

The University seeks candidates who are either: (1.) expert in a public policy field with academic credentials suitable for tenure and have experience in public policymaking, or (2.) have substantial credentials and experience in public policymaking at a state, national, or international level. The successful candidate must have appropriate expertise, talents, energy, and skills to lead the Center's fundraising, educational, and research agendas; be innovative in identifying new opportunities to expand the center; and possess management and communication skills required for an interdisciplinary, cross-college academic unit. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with the person’s background and experience. Preferred starting date is July 1, 2009 or earlier.

The position will post until an applicant pool has been established. Search and Screen Committee will begin to review applications on January 15, 2009. Interested candidates should submit a letter stating their qualifications and experience and a Curriculum Vitae, and should arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent to:

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