The College of Education at Purdue University is inviting applications for the position of Head of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. We seek an individual with demonstrated leadership skills, a nationally/internationally recognized record of research and scholarship, and active participation in professional activities. The Department is home to more than 40 tenure track and clinical faculty; including 12 with joint appointments in content area departments (e.g., Department of Biology, Department of English). Faculty are productive and award-winning scholars (e.g., AAAS and AERA Fellows; NAE/Spencer awardees, NSF awardees) with many recognized as leaders in their respective fields.

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction is a hub for NCATE/CAEP-accredited teacher education programs at Purdue, which are distributed across 6 Colleges with total undergraduate enrollments of more than 600 (see: http://www.edci.purdue.edu/). The Department houses 8 graduate program areas with more than 400 students (master’s and PhD), including successful online degree programs. The College’s graduate programs were ranked 38th in 2015 by *US News and World Report*. The Head is chair of graduate programs in the Department. The Head also serves as chair of the Primary Promotion and Tenure Committee and serves on the College’s Leadership Team.

Qualified applicants must have an earned doctorate in one of the graduate program areas in the Department, or a related field in Education. A successful candidate must meet the qualifications for appointment as a tenured full professor in the Department. Experience in teacher education is essential. Administrative experience is highly desirable. The applicant must be committed to promoting the career development of others and to promoting a cohesive atmosphere of diversity and inclusion. The position requires a strong commitment to scholarship, learning and instruction (including teaching), engagement and outreach activities, alumni and public relations, international initiatives, and relations with K-12 school-based partners. It is anticipated that the initial appointment as Department Head will be for a 5-year term with potential renewal for consecutive terms. This is a 12-month fiscal year appointment, which will become a regular 9-month academic year faculty position when the final term as Head expires. The Head is expected to maintain an active program of research and will have the opportunity to teach graduate or undergraduate courses.
We seek a candidate with demonstrated interest in working collaboratively at the Departmental, College, and University levels; demonstrated interest in strengthening collaboration among program areas; and a capacity to facilitate faculty efforts around the College of Education’s key themes of (1) social justice and (2) K-12 STEM education. Successful candidates are expected to demonstrate a commitment to diversity and equity in education through their scholarship, teaching, and/or engagement.

Review of applications will begin November 6, 2015 and continue until the position is filled. A background check will be required for employment in this position. Applications must include: (1) a letter of application that includes a statement of administrative experience, (2) a one-page vision statement that includes specific strategies for helping the Department address the College’s key themes, (3) a vita, and (4) the names and contact information of four references. Application materials should be sent via email to Rita Neidlinger, administrative assistant to the Dean, at rneidlin@purdue.edu, or sent to the College of Education, Purdue University, 100 N University, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2098.

Purdue offers competitive salaries and an excellent benefits package. The University is located in an affordable greater metropolitan area of approximately 200,000, conveniently located between Indianapolis and Chicago. The greater Lafayette/West Lafayette community was ranked second in Forbes’ 2015 list of “Best Small Cities for Business and Careers.” Purdue University was cited by Forbes as a significant driver in the area’s economy, human capital and cultural makeup.

Purdue University is an EOE/AA employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability or status as a veteran.