Belle S. Spafford Endowed Chair in Women and Families

The University of Utah College of Social Work invites applications for The Belle S. Spafford Endowed Chair in Women and Families, a 9-month tenure-track faculty position at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor. The Spafford Chair was established to honor the memory of Belle S. Spafford, who was recognized as a leader in the LDS Church, the state of Utah, the United States, and internationally. The Chair position includes a competitive salary, generous benefits, development funding, and funding for research assistance through the Jacobsen Scholarship.

Required Qualifications: Applicants must have an MSW degree from a CSWE-accredited program, and a doctorate in social work or a related field. Applicants must demonstrate a strong record of publication and funded research in issues concerning women and their families including, but not limited to, poverty, interpersonal violence, child welfare or substance abuse. The successful candidate will have an established reputation for scholarship and demonstrated excellence in teaching and research mentorship. Applicants with at least two years of professional social work experience are preferred. Members of groups traditionally under-represented in higher education are particularly encouraged to apply.

College, University, and Environment: The University of Utah has been classified by the Carnegie Foundation among the 115 research universities with the “highest research activity” in the nation and is the flagship of the Utah System of Higher Education. The University is located in Salt Lake City at the foot of the Wasatch Mountains. This location offers unparalleled opportunities for outdoor recreation, with ten world-class ski resorts and five national parks within hours of the city. Salt Lake City is the center of a metropolitan area with a population of approximately one million residents, has extensive arts and cultural activities, and has a major international airport with a Delta Airlines hub and direct flights to most U.S. cities and direct international flights to Paris, London, Amsterdam, and Mexico City. The area has received international recognition for its new light rail system, foodie culture, downtown renewal, and increasing diversity. In 2017, U.S News and World report ranked Salt Lake City as the 10th best place to live in the nation.

The College of Social Work (CSW), established in 1937, is the only institution in the Intermountain West that offers all three degrees in social work: BSW, MSW, and PhD. The CSW houses a number of research entities providing faculty and students research opportunities and support for locating and managing external funding including: the Social Research Institute; the Center on Mindfulness and Integrative Health Intervention Development; the Utah Criminal Justice Center; the Center for Research on Migration & Refugee Integration; and the Goodwill Initiative on Aging. Currently, CSW faculty are conducting a number of federally-funded, translational social research projects to
advance social work research and innovate evidence-based practices for vulnerable populations in need. Funding sources include the National Institutes of Health (NIH); the Department of Defense (DOD); the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI); the National Institute of Justice (NIJ); the National Science Foundation (NSF); the Veterans Administration (VA); the Children's Bureau; and the Substance Abuse and the Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). CSW research funding also comes from state, county, and foundation sources. The College’s Goodwill Humanitarian Building features state-of-the-art clinical training suites equipped with one-way mirrors and audio-visual technology for real-time clinical supervision and feedback, as well as a sophisticated psychophysiology lab for cutting-edge social work neuroscience.

**Application Process:** Candidates must apply online at [http://utah.peopleadmin.com/postings/68569](http://utah.peopleadmin.com/postings/68569), submitting: a letter of application detailing their interest and qualifications; a full curriculum vitae; a list of three professional references; a research statement; a teaching statement indicating evidence of teaching effectiveness; and samples of professional writing. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Inquiries regarding the position may be directed to the Faculty Search Committee Chair, Dr. Joanne Yaffe, at (801) 581-4829, joanne.yaffe@utah.edu

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The University of Utah values candidates who have experience working in settings with students from diverse backgrounds, and possess a strong commitment to improving access to higher education for historically underrepresented students.

**Notice:** The University is a participating employer with Utah Retirement Systems ("URS"). To be eligible for retirement contributions, you must be hired into a benefit-eligible position. Employees with prior URS service may elect to enroll in the URS within 30 days of hire. Regardless of whether they are hired into a benefit-eligible position or not, individuals who previously retired and are receiving monthly retirement benefits from URS must notify the Benefits Department upon hire. Please contact Utah Retirement Systems at (801) 366-7770 or (800) 695-4877 or the University's Benefits Department at (801) 581-7447 for information. This position may require the successful completion of a criminal background check and/or drug screen and immunizations.