

Job Title: Director, Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics at The University of Akron

The University of Akron's Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, in cooperation with the Department of Political Science, is searching for its next Director. This 12-month position will commence August 15, 2020 and it includes an appointment as a tenured Professor or Associate Professor of Political Science.

The successful candidate will oversee the activities of the Bliss Institute, including managing its budget, supervising its full-time and part-time staff, coordinating research projects (including polling activities), administering its extensive internship program, and hosting conferences. That candidate also will be a faculty member of the Department of Political Science with teaching responsibilities. The Director also is responsible for administering the Institute's academic programs, including the Master of Applied Politics [MAP] degree program and the Undergraduate and Graduate Certificate in Applied Politics and that person will have teaching responsibilities in connection with those programs. The Director also is responsible for liaising with university, local, state, and national officials, engaging with the media, and promoting the overall mission of the Institute.

The successful candidate must be a highly experienced scholar with a Ph.D. in Political Science or a closely related field and with a record of publications in peer-reviewed journals and/or academic presses. The successful candidate also should have a record of teaching at the university level. The successful candidate also should have a strong record of administrative experience. It is desirable for that candidate to have a competency in research methods with a demonstrable interest in applied politics at the state and/or national levels. Experience in public policy, especially at the state and local levels, also is highly desirable, as is previous experience in hosting conferences in an academic and/or governmental setting.

To apply for this position, you must complete the on-line application (available at: <https://www.uakron.edu/hr/jobs.dot>) and attach a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and a list of three (3) professional references to your profile. After submission of your application, return to the "My Activities" link and upload the required documents under the "my Cover Letters and Attachments" section.

Applicants should fully describe their qualifications and experience with reference to the minimum and preferred qualifications. This is the information on which the initial review of materials will be based. A resume will not be accepted in place of any information requested on the application. Inquiries about the position can be sent to: Dr. James T. McHugh, at mchugh@uakron.edu. For assistance with your application or attachments please call Angie Kerley in Human Resources at 330-972-6547. Open until filled, however, initial review of applications will begin on March 02, 2020.

The University of Akron is committed to providing a safe environment for all students and employees. The university endeavors to protect the health, welfare and safety of all students, employees and visitors on our campus. As such, the university will conduct a pre-employment background check for all applicants selected for employment.

As one of the largest employers in the region, The University of Akron is creating a community and workforce committed to making a difference in the lives of our students and in the region. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package to qualified candidates who are passionate about shaping and inspiring the next generation of thinkers, experts, artists and leaders.

The University of Akron is an equal education and employment institution. It is the policy of this institution that there shall be no unlawful discrimination against any individual in employment or in its programs or activities at The University of Akron because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, genetic information, military status or status as a veteran. The University is also committed to the principles of affirmative action and acts in accordance with state and federal laws.