UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

The University of South Alabama invites nominations and applications for the position of Department Chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) at the rank of Professor beginning August 15, 2027. Minimum qualifications include an earned doctorate in Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, or a closely related field. As the department's chief administrative officer, the Chair is expected to provide strategic vision and leadership to expand research, elevate degree programs, and cultivate collaborative partnerships that directly support the department, college, and university's goal of attaining Carnegie R1 status. Successful candidates must demonstrate an outstanding record of research, scholarship, and teaching excellence; exceptional verbal, organizational, and administrative skills; and a desire and ability to collaborate effectively across disciplines, health system structures, and regional industries.

The University of South Alabama (USA), located on a 1,200-acre campus, is a research institution on the R1 pathway and serves more than 14,000 students across 11 Colleges and Schools through a broad portfolio of undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. Located in Mobile, Alabama, a culturally rich, coastal city with a growing economy, USA offers the advantages of a major academic institution in a setting known for its quality of life and vibrant community. Mobile is home to Airbus America's Engineering Center and the first Airbus assembly lines in North America. The Port of Mobile is the second-fastest U.S. port and a major center of commerce for the 600,000 residents of Alabama's two coastal counties.

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering is housed in Shelby Hall, a modern, 155,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility designed for advanced instruction and a multidisciplinary research enterprise. The department offers ABET-accredited B.S. degrees in Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering, as well as an M.S. in Electrical Engineering with tracks in Electrical Engineering and Computer Engineering. The College of Engineering also offers a Ph.D. in Systems Engineering with an Electrical and Computer Engineering track.

Faculty within the department lead active research programs spanning key technology sectors, including antennas, metasurfaces, and applied electromagnetics; space plasma physics and space instrumentation; dielectrics, pulsed power, and high-voltage systems; embedded systems, microprocessors, and robotics; signal and image processing, edge AI, and machine learning; VLSI design, microelectronics, and signal integrity; as well as networks and hardware cybersecurity. Robust opportunities exist for collaborative research with faculty in the School of Computing, College of Medicine, and USA Health system, as well as with the rapidly expanding technology, aerospace, defense, and industrial corridor along the Gulf Coast.

Applications should be submitted electronically as a single PDF to rgirardeau@southalabama.edu. Submissions must include a cover letter outlining strategic vision and administrative philosophy, statements of teaching and research interests, a full curriculum vitae, and a list of five professional references. Inquiries regarding this position may be directed to the Search Committee Chair, Dr. John Cleary, at cleary@southalabama.edu.

Applications will be reviewed as received and will continue until the position is filled.

For more information on USA, please visit www.southalabama.edu. Applicants must be legally eligible to work in the U.S. The University of South Alabama is an EOE employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, age, genetic information, disability, protected veteran status, or any other applicable legally protected basis.