Department Chair of the William B. Burnsed Jr. Department of Mechanical, Aerospace, and Biomedical Engineering
University of South Alabama

The University of South Alabama invites nominations and applications for the position of Department Chair of the William B. Burnsed Jr. Department of Mechanical, Aerospace, and Biomedical Engineering (MABE) at the rank of Professor beginning August 15, 2027. Minimum qualifications include an earned doctorate in Mechanical, Aerospace, or Biomedical 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 William B. Burnsed Jr. Department of Mechanical, Aerospace, and Biomedical Engineering (www.southalabama.edu/colleges/engineering/me/) 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 an ABET-accredited B.S. in Mechanical Engineering with a Biomedical Engineering track and an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering with tracks in Biomedical and Aerospace. A B.S. in Aerospace Engineering was launched in Fall 2024. The College of Engineering also offers a Ph.D. in Systems Engineering with mechanical and aerospace engineering tracks. Robust opportunities exist for collaborative research with faculty in the College of Medicine, the School of Computing, and with the rapidly expanding aerospace 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.

Review of applications will begin immediately and 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 EO 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.