UC San Diego invites nominations and applications for the position of Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of the School of Medicine. UC San Diego School of Medicine, established in 1968, is the region's only medical school. As a top-tier academic medical center, the institution's role is to improve health through innovative research, education, and patient care. U.S. News & World Report ranks UC San Diego School of Medicine as No. 21 for best medical schools in the country for research.

UC San Diego’s School of Medicine’s academic programs rank among the best in the country for primary care and research. The organization's leadership embraces a culture of academic excellence coupled with innovation and collaboration, and continuously seeks to align its educational programs with cutting-edge research, new clinical technologies and techniques, and hands-on experience through pioneering programs that emphasize compassionate, personalized patient care.

The Dean is responsible for leading the School of Medicine’s overall strategic vision; developing and implementing initiatives that enhance teaching, research, and clinical care across its multiple departments and units; and establishing collaborative partnerships across campus and the community to advance its goals of educating compassionate, skillful, knowledgeable students. The Dean serves a critical role of creating a diverse community of scholars who push the boundaries of scientific discovery and develop innovative therapies that will transform the lives of patients locally and nationally.

The Dean must have broad and diverse leadership skills to manage a highly complex organization. In addition to having the ability to collaborate in close partnership with the leadership of the School’s departments, the Dean must foster strong relationships with senior campus administrators at UC San Diego, the University of California Regents and Office of the President, and a diverse set of faculty, staff, and students at the School of Medicine. The Dean serves as the School’s chief recruitment officer, ensuring UC San Diego draws exceptional faculty and administrative leaders to enhance its academic and research programs.

Reporting to the Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences, the Dean has oversight of a multimillion-dollar budget that includes both central resources and department funds. The Dean works in close partnership with the Vice Chancellor’s Office on evaluating, planning, and/or advocating for major capital and programmatic investments to enhance the School’s missions while maintaining fiscal solvency. When applicable, the Dean engages the UC San Diego Health CEO, Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences, and Chancellor on cross-campus investments.

**Inquiries, Nominations, and Applications:** UC San Diego has retained the services of Dr. Josh Ward at the executive search firm Korn Ferry. For all inquiries, nominations, or information about how to apply, please contact Dr. Ward at Josh.Ward@KornFerry.com. For priority consideration, application materials must be submitted by March 18, 2024.

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