

University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Position Description
Chair, Department of Indigenous Health

The Chair, who reports to the Dean, will provide strategic leadership and direction for all aspects of the Department of Indigenous Health and is responsible for the personnel, administrative, educational, and research operations of the department. This Chair will review and update the curriculum and training programs to innovatively meet the need for education and training of current and future healthcare professionals and lead the Department to a position of academic and professional eminence while furthering the goals and missions of the University of North Dakota (UND) School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS). The Chair is expected to promote teamwork both within the department, as well as with other UND SMHS departments in all aspects of academic functions.

The Chair serves as a leader for the SMHS, representing the school at various functions with the university and the external community, and serving in leadership roles in SMHS committees and activities. The Chair is expected to serve as a role model for the faculty, in addition to his administrative responsibilities.

Job Summary and Responsibility:

The Chair will work in close collaboration with the Indigenous Health Department Graduate Programs Director and other faculty and staff to advance the Indigenous Health Department.

Essential Functions

Teaching and Advising:

This position will serve as a Primary Instructor, Co-Instructor, or guest lecturer for Indigenous Health PhD and/or MPH courses. This position will also serve as a mentor for Ph.D. students and will serve as an academic advisor.

Research:

- Serve as, or recruit, the Principal Investigator of the Indigenous Trauma & Resilience Research Center (see details below):
 - The Chair of Indigenous Health has the opportunity to serve as the Principal Investigator of the Indigenous Trauma & Resilience Research Center (ITTRC; NIH Center for Biomedical Excellence in Research) program that is in its second year of a 5-year funding cycle (or recruit a suitable individual for this role). The ITRRC is supported by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health under Award Number P20GM139759. The goal of the research center is to address the impact of historical and unresolved trauma on health inequities within the American Indian and Alaska Native population. The Principal Investigator is responsible for the preparation of the intellectual content for the proposal, determining the direction and conduct of the research or program activities during the project, and selecting, hiring, and supervising project staff. The PI may hold primary responsibility for managing the project budget, completing technical reports, and any other award requirements necessary to maintain compliance with applicable sponsor and institutional rules and regulations or s/he may

share this responsibility with a multi-investigator team. The addition of this role is dependent on NIH approval.

- Build an Indigenous health research portfolio based on the candidate's training, skillsets, and areas of interest.

Service:

- Service includes contribution to the institution/school/department (e.g., committees), to the profession (e.g., professional organizations), and to the community (e.g., boards, etc.).
- Service expectations are commensurate with percent FTE and consistent with promotion guidelines.

This position will provide education, research, and service in a manner consistent with the Indigenous Health Department values and vision. It is encouraged that this position will generate a portion of the salary from external sources for research and creative activity.