

Department Head of Mechanical Engineering  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

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**Job Title** Department Head of Mechanical Engineering  
**Department** Mechanical Engineering  
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**Institution** University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
Lafayette, Louisiana

**Date Posted** Jul. 19, 2017

**Application** Open until filled  
**Deadline**  
**Position** Spring 2018 or later depending on availability  
**Start Date**

**Job** Department Head/Head/Chair  
**Categories**

**Academic** Mechanical Engineering  
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**Description**

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Head of the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette (UL Lafayette). The Department is looking for a leader with a vision to lead the department through continued growth in student numbers, research expenditures, and national exposure. It is desirable for the ideal candidate to have a B.S. in Engineering with a PhD in Mechanical Engineering or some closely aligned field. The College of Engineering at UL Lafayette has over 2,800 students with an annual R&D budget exceeding \$6M. The

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Department of Mechanical Engineering at UL Lafayette is the largest academic department within the College of Engineering. It has over 800 undergraduate and 30 graduate students. The department has 18 faculty, an administrative assistant, a technician, and two research faculty. More faculty hires are expected as the growth of the department has been over 10% per year for some time with continued growth expected. Annual R&D expenditures for the department average over \$1M per year with this year's expenditure expected to exceed \$2M. The department offers BS through PhD degrees and is fully ABET accredited. The department houses numerous R&D facilities and is affiliated with several high profile R&D university-level units.

The university is located in Lafayette, LA, an exciting community within Louisiana's beautiful Cajun Country. The university is the second largest in Louisiana and ranked as a Carnegie Research University with high research activity. The community is highly technology-oriented and has a reputation of being a community in which people are prone to remain due to the high quality lifestyle, pleasing climate, and the friendly nature of its people. UL Lafayette is dedicated to the goal of building a diverse faculty committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment. Women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. UL Lafayette is an equal opportunity employer dedicated to increasing diversity among its ranks.

Applications and nominations will be accepted until the position is filled. Review of applications will begin in Fall 2017. Applicants should provide a cover letter detailing their vision for the department and how their background supports this vision including their research vision, complete curriculum vitae, and list of five references. References will not be contacted unless the candidate is selected for the phone interview stage.

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Submit application via email (one pdf file) or regular mail to:

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