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Old Dominion University

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Department COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & TECH
Institution Old Dominion University
Norfolk, Virginia

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Application Deadline Open until filled

Position Start Date Available immediately

Job Categories Associate Professor
Professor

Academic Field(s) Industrial & Systems Engineering
Engineering - Other

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Job Description

The Batten College of Engineering & Technology (BCET) at Old Dominion University (ODU) seeks an experienced, accomplished, and visionary leader to serve as the Inaugural Director of a newly established Institute for Autonomous & Connected Systems (IACS) starting Fall 2025. This is an open tenured/tenure-track faculty position for all engineering disciplines with a 10-month appointment at the Associate or Full professor rank in one of the departments in the college.

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The primary responsibility of the Institute Director is to provide strategic leadership for the institute to realize its vision and mission in alignment with the **BCET's Strategic Plan "Focus on the Future"**. The Inaugural Director will work collaboratively with the institute faculty and stakeholders to;

1. Establish effective strategic goals and develop a robust strategic plan for enhancing the quality, quantity, impact, and recognition of the sponsored research activities.
2. Encourage the institute faculty to pursue and secure research funding.
3. Oversee and coordinate the research activities.
4. Foster a culture of innovation within the institute; identify strengths, gaps, needs, and sustained growth opportunities.
5. Promote excellent research through synergistic interdisciplinary collaboration among the institute faculty and other faculty in the college and across campus.
6. Cultivate relationships and develop partnerships with other universities, government, industry, and funding agencies.
7. Create new and improve existing interdisciplinary engineering academic programs relevant to the institute mission.
8. Communicate research impact and represent the institute to the public and stakeholders.
9. Advise the Dean on all matters relating to the Institute and its mission.
10. The candidate must demonstrate a strong commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion among students, faculty and staff.

About the Institute: The IACS Institute brings together faculty and students across the Colleges of Engineering & Technology, Arts & Letters, and Sciences who have mutual interest in advancing the interdisciplinary research and development of autonomous and connected systems including uncrewed and autonomous vehicles in air, land, space, and maritime applications. The Institute serves to elevate awareness of ODU's expertise in autonomous and connected systems, connect ODU researchers with relevant industry and government agencies, and pursue large team-based funding opportunities. IACS has an education mission and supports an undergraduate certificate program and a minor in Engineering, Design and Operation of Uncrewed Aerial Systems. The vision of IACS is to be recognized as a leader of innovation and applications of autonomous and connected systems. The Institute is also poised to create opportunities for research collaboration between the BCET, the Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center (VMASC), and industry partners in the Hampton Roads regions.

Contact Information



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