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Institution University at Buffalo
Buffalo, New York

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Application Deadline 09/03/2026
Position Start Date Available immediately

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Professor

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Posting Detail Information

Position Summary

The [Department of AI and Society](#) at the University at Buffalo, invites applications from outstanding scholars with excellent leadership abilities for the position of **Department Chair**.

The Department of AI and Society - the first of its kind in the nation - is explicitly intended to be a home for transdisciplinary research on the relationship between artificial intelligence (AI) and society, with its vision of creating a future world where AI systems are built by society, for society. As a transdisciplinary department that is part of both the [School of Engineering and Applied Sciences](#) and the [College of Arts and Sciences](#), the department is home to faculty with diverse disciplinary and training backgrounds, and their profiles of research and creative activity reflect this breadth.

The transdisciplinary nature of the Department means that its faculty may engage in research and creative activities spanning the arts, humanities, social sciences, cognitive sciences, computer science, and engineering. The Chair will work with the department to achieve its vision and to support the university's goal of becoming a top 25 public research institution.

Priorities include overseeing the department's research, creative, teaching, operational, and community engagement activities; facilitating collaborative grant writing and research activities; helping to foster research collaborations between academic faculty; recruitment of several additional faculty to fill already approved positions; and advocating for the department at the academic unit and university levels, as well as externally.

The successful candidate will have an exceptional academic record and evidence of administrative leadership abilities, in addition to holding a PhD in an area relevant to the mission of the department. The position is at the rank of tenured Full Professor.

Tenured faculty in AIS are expected to obtain external funding to support and conduct research leading to research outputs and creative activities; engage in scholarly work that has strong community engagement; present at professional venues; teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels in addition to mentoring students and postdoctoral scholars; and provide service to the department, school, college, university, discipline, and the community. A teaching release is granted for faculty serving in administrative capacities such as Department Chair.

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AI and Society currently supports a set of seven new AI+X degrees:

- AI and Geospatial Analytics
- AI and Policy Analysis
- AI and Logic and Ontology
- AI and Language Technology
- AI and Responsible Communication
- AI and Quantitative Economics
- AI and Language and Intercultural Competence

The department will also be creating new undergraduate and graduate degrees in AI and Society.

The position is open until filled; applications received by December 15, 2025 will be given priority consideration.

Learn more:

- Our [benefits](#), where we prioritize your well-being and success to enhance every aspect of your life.
- Being a part of the [University at Buffalo community](#).

University at Buffalo is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and, in keeping with our commitment, welcomes all to apply including veterans and individuals with disabilities.

Minimum Qualifications

- Earned PhD in Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence or other related field.
- Strong record of research in AI (specifically in its interaction with society).
- Teaching experience at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Preferred Qualifications

- Administrative experience managing an academic department or research center.
- Supervisory experience.

Physical Demands

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Salary Range

Competitive

Job Type

Full-Time

Special Instructions Summary

We offer applicants the ability to include a statement about engagement and inclusive learning in an engineering environment, which could include:

- Experiences you have had working across different student and colleague groups
- Teaching activities that highlight an expansive pedagogy
- Key definitions or philosophical frameworks that inform your approach.

This is not required but may be beneficial for the committee to review.

Is a background check required for this posting?

No

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Posting Dates

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