

Founding Academic Program Director with Open-Rank
Faculty Position in Information Technology
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Job Title	Founding Academic Program Director with Open-Rank Faculty Position in Information Technology
Department	Computer and Data Sciences
Institution	Merrimack College Andover, Massachusetts
Date Posted	Feb. 7, 2024
Application Deadline	Mar. 18, 2024
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Assistant Professor Associate Professor Professor Director/Manager
Academic Field(s)	Computer Engineering Computer Science
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Academic Career & Executive Search is pleased to assist Merrimack College in its search for an Academic Program Director with an Open-Rank Non-Tenure Track Faculty Position in Information Technology.

For full consideration, please apply by March 18th.

This position reports to the Computer and Data Sciences Department Chair and leads the BS and MS Programs in IT.

This is an exciting opportunity to leave your mark on the future of Information Technology education at Merrimack College. As a university in rapid growth mode with increased revenue including from graduate programs, Merrimack is already building cutting-edge facilities and labs to foster dynamic learning environments and innovation. The Founding Academic Program Director for the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Information Technology programs will collaborate with a cohesive team and play the leading role in developing and shaping the curricula in information technology. The ideal candidate will be keenly aware of emerging trends and have expertise in innovative program building to meet evolving industry needs. Housed in the School of Engineering and Computational Sciences, this full-time, open-rank non-tenure track position reports directly to the Department Chair, offering a compelling opportunity to contribute to a thriving academic enterprise.

Merrimack College is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Therefore, we seek candidates with a demonstrated ability to work with students across various social and personal identities and perspectives. We particularly encourage applications from individuals with diverse backgrounds, including first-generation college graduates, individuals from underrepresented communities, and individuals with disabilities.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop, oversee, and continually refine the BS and MS in Information Technology programs curricula, ensuring they align with industry standards and emerging trends.
- Provide visionary leadership in program development, assessment, and strategic planning.
- Recruit, hire, and mentor faculty members, fostering a collaborative and inclusive learning environment.
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Coordinate and supervise faculty, ensuring effective delivery of courses and adherence to program objectives.

- Establish and maintain strong relationships with industry professionals, promoting partnerships and internship opportunities for students.
- Mentor and advise students, guiding career paths, internships, and opportunities.
- Stay current with emerging trends and advancements in information technology to ensure program content is up-to-date and aligned with industry needs.
- Collaborate with other departments and stakeholders to promote interdisciplinary initiatives and experiential learning opportunities.
- Teach 24 credits spread across fall, spring, and summer terms.
- Manage the program budget.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- MS in Information Technology, Information Science, or a related field.
- Up-to-date IT certifications such as Network+, CompTIA, or Security+.
- Demonstrated excellence, or potential for, teaching excellence at the undergraduate and graduate levels.
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Proven ability to think strategically and implement innovative program development and improvement approaches.

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to collaborate effectively with faculty, staff, students, and external stakeholders.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Effective use of technology in the classroom.
- Demonstrated interest in and experience with innovative pedagogies.
- Understanding of and experience with diversity, equity, and inclusion issues in STEM and beyond.

Statement on Our Mission

Merrimack College is a Catholic Augustinian institution of higher education committed to building a culturally and racially diverse community. Our mission is to enlighten minds, engage hearts, and empower lives and is inspired by our Catholic faith and the Augustinian tradition of seeking truth through inquiry and dialogue.

Merrimack College seeks candidates who understand, respect, and can contribute to Merrimack's Catholic and Augustinian mission and values and advance our work in the area of diversity, equity, and inclusion. We strongly encourage applications from members of underrepresented groups. All candidates should describe in their application previous experience related to equity, diversity, and inclusion, as well as how they will foster a culture that supports our Catholic and Augustinian mission and our values of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

About Merrimack College

The only Catholic, Augustinian institution of higher education in New England, Merrimack College is a private, independent, coeducational institution with more than 4,000 undergraduate and some 1,600 graduate students from 32 states and 37 countries. The College features more than 100 career-focused undergraduate, professional

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and graduate programs, all taught by exceptional faculty who are passionate about their subject and student success. The College comprises five schools: the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Engineering and Computational Sciences, the Girard School of Business, the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, and the Winston School of Education and Social Policy. The College's suburban 240-acre campus is approximately 25 miles north of Boston in the towns of North Andover and Andover, Massachusetts. Merrimack is a Master's Colleges and Universities/Larger Programs (M1) institution in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. Merrimack is one of the fastest-growing educational institutions in the country and has steadily climbed up in the U.S. News & World Report's ranking of Best Colleges, coming in 33rd out of 178 schools ranked in the Regional Universities North category in 2024. Merrimack also ranked 14th in the Most Innovative Schools category. Merrimack is an NCAA Division I athletic institution.

Living in the Area

The region and communities that surround Merrimack College have historical significance and diverse attractions. The region features a range of cultural attractions, including art galleries and distinctive architecture, adding to its charm. The communities thrive on local events and festivals that bring residents together, fostering a vibrant sense of place. Located only 20 minutes north of Boston, area communities offer residents a short commute to the amenities and cultural offerings of the larger city. The laid-back pace of the region offers a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of urban living.

To Apply

For full consideration, please apply by March 18th.

To be viewed by the search firm, you must apply directly at:

<https://acesrch.applicantstack.com/x/detail/a21esjyccgj>

Please apply through the application link and do not email applications.

Applications will be reviewed as they are received and should include a cover letter and curriculum vitae. Ideally cover letters should not exceed two pages. All applications are treated confidentially.

Inquiries, referrals, and nominations are also treated confidentially.

Inquiries and questions: Please send to MerrimackCollegeIT@acesrch.com

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Nominations and referrals: Please send the nominee's name, title, and contact information, if available, to nominations@acesrch.com.

Institution's EEO Statement

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Contact Information

Please reference AcademicKeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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