

**POSITION TITLE: Regional Dean, Brownsville Campus**

**EMPLOYER: The University of Texas School of Public Health – Brownsville**

**LOCATION (City, State): Brownsville, Texas**

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/Campuses/Brownsville/>

**Application website:** <http://jobs.uth.tmc.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=87440>

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

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The University of Texas School of Public Health (UTSPH) announces a search for one of its most important positions, Regional Dean, Brownsville Regional Campus (<http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/Campuses/Brownsville/>). We seek a senior faculty member who possesses an outstanding academic record in public health, demonstrated excellence in administration, and public health leadership qualities. Regional Deans are important leadership positions within UTSPH, a School unique for its multiple campus structure. Brownsville is located in a critical border region of Texas which is dominated by a Hispanic population; the value of the outstanding community relationships and partnerships that the School has developed is something we would hope a new Regional Dean would embrace. The selected applicant will occupy a tenure-track position at the associate or full professor level, will affiliate with a UTSPH division (Epidemiology, Human Genetics and Environmental Sciences; Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences; Management, Policy and Community Health; or Biostatistics), and would be welcome to join any of the UTSPH research centers (for example, Human Genetics Center, Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research, Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living, Hispanic Health Research Center of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, and the George McMillan Fleming Center for Healthcare Management). UTSPH seeks to employ a diverse and dynamic faculty who understand the importance of our mission and vision. The Regional Dean works closely in collaboration with the Brownsville community to develop an excellent public health academic and research program. Applicants for the position of Regional Dean, Brownsville Campus should welcome opportunities to work with the local community in advancing the UTSPH public health mission and improving the health of the community. Bilingual candidates, minorities, and women are strongly urged to apply.

UTSPH is a dynamic, top-tier school that is making public health happen locally, nationally and internationally. Our extensive, high quality research and educational programs have grown significantly in recent years. UTSPH currently has approximately 160 faculty members and 1400 students. The main campus in Houston is an integral part of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth), located in the world-renowned Texas Medical Center, which comprises the largest concentration of healthcare institutions in the world. The five regional campuses are located strategically throughout Texas (Austin, Brownsville, Dallas, El Paso and San Antonio) and offer master's and doctoral degrees. Each regional campus works in collaboration with a local University of Texas System institution. In Brownsville this partner is UT Brownsville but new partnerships including research and teaching collaborations are currently being developed with other health and academic campuses in the South Border region through a program funded by the UT System. The rich potential for collaboration at UTSPH and its partner and neighbor institutions as well as the diversity of the Texas population provide innumerable resources for innovative public health science. As a part of the UTSPH six-campus system, the Brownsville Regional Campus currently offers the MPH (Generalist and Health Promotion), DrPH (Health Promotion), and PhD (Epidemiology). Beginning in Fall 2012, the

campus will also offer a 4+1 program in which students at UT Brownsville will be able to begin their graduate work towards an MPH degree as seniors.

The Brownsville Regional Campus currently has nine full-time faculty members and houses the National Institutes of Health-supported Hispanic Health Research Center of the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The Center is home to the Cameron County Hispanic Cohort, a unique, 'Framingham like' cohort focusing on health disparities among Mexican Americans. This cohort includes an extensive database and biological and genetic archive that serves a broad research agenda, particularly for diabetes and related conditions. The Center has provided the basis for extensive community outreach and community-based intervention research on diabetes and obesity in the South Texas region. It has generated community support and interdisciplinary collaborations with the UTHealth School of Medicine, within the UT System and elsewhere including clinical trials using the HHRC Clinical Research Unit. As part of UTHealth's successfully refunded Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences (one of the first 12 awardees from National Institutes of Health National Center for Research Resources), the Brownsville campus has many active high-interest research programs evaluating health problems in this Hispanic community. The Brownsville program also works with global sites to provide a model for studies in the newly emerging area of interactions between chronic and infectious diseases. The Regional Campus facility at Brownsville is a large, modern space including a 6000 square foot laboratory with a BSL-3 state-of-the-art laboratory, allowing for population-based biological investigations. The campus is linked to all other UTSPH campuses through a sophisticated interactive television network for teaching, meetings and communications.

Interested applicants should complete the web application at <http://jobs.uth.tmc.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=87440>. Please attach a letter describing qualifications and interests, a curriculum vitae, and contact information for three professional references to the web application. Address any questions to Dr. Kay Bartholomew, Associate Dean and Search Committee Chair, C/O Nesh Aqrabi, nesh.aqrabi@uth.tmc.edu. Review of applications will begin in January, 2012 and continue until the position is filled.

*The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston is an EO/AA employer. M/F/D/V. Minorities and women are strongly encouraged to apply. This is a security-sensitive position and thereby subject to Texas Education code §51.215. A background check will be required for the final candidate.*