

## Endowed Chair and Deputy Director, Harold Hamm Diabetes Center

The Harold Hamm Diabetes Center (HHDC), at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) College of Medicine is seeking applications for an **Endowed Chair in Clinical Diabetes Research and Deputy Director of the HHDC** at **the Associate or Full Professor level**. Research in one or more of the following areas is preferred:

- Clinical investigator with experience in observational health equity or dissemination/implementation science and/or clinical investigation in obesity/diabetes or its complications in adults.
- Basic science and/or clinical-translational multi-disciplinary research focused on maternal-fetal developmental programming of obesity, diabetes, or NAFLD in the first 1000 days.
- Bioinformatics and systems biology with knowledge of immunology.
- Intersection of Diabetes, Obesity, and Cancer and/or Aging.
- Molecular mechanisms of metabolic disorders, including lipid metabolism and mitochondria.

**Qualifications:** MD or Doctoral degree in a health-related field. The position will be devoted primarily to mentoring and research activities and expected to work with business and professional leaders in the state and nation. Applicants should have a strong record of extramural funding and a national reputation for research excellence, as well as superior mentorship skills in the field of clinical diabetes research. Prior leadership experience is desirable. **The Deputy Director and Endowed chair offers an extremely competitive salary, substantial salary support, and a generous incentive package.** The **Deputy Director** of the HHDC will be expected to:

1. Expand interdisciplinary research activities within the HHDC, among other departments, and with the research centers on campus.
2. Work very closely with the Director to develop and implement the strategic plan and initiatives for the research mission of the HHDC and the campus.
3. Lead the development of guidance and systems to review and approve funds for basic laboratory research as well as opportunities for engagement in human clinical trials or clinical-translational research.
4. Work closely with staff members of the HHDC and the Director to communicate with current and potential donors about the vision and investment opportunities at the HHDC.
5. Make a high-level professional contribution for a substantial future period of time.

The HHDC was founded in 2008 and has over 100 active faculty in various departments at OUHSC, OU-Norman, and Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation (OMRF), supported by multiple NIH grants totaling \$33.8M. The HHDC is located in a free standing fully staffed 100,000 sq ft 4 story building in the heart of OUHSC, along with a pediatric metabolic research institute in the Oklahoma Children's Hospital division of Pediatric Endocrinology for pediatric and maternal research. Currently, more than 11,000 square ft. in capital facilities are dedicated to basic research, with an additional 12,000 sq ft of newly renovated laboratories/offices underway for expansion. The HHDC has existing clinical and translational research activity through an internally and externally funded research program that includes clinical trials and/or translational research in obesity, diabetes, or other metabolic disorders. Faculty are currently supported by 12 endowed chairs ranging from \$1 million to \$3 million each. Over the last 4 yr, the Harold Hamm Foundation and donors have supported over 55 pilot, bridge, and equipment grants worth \$7.2 million in total costs. For more information:

<https://www.ouhealth.com/harold-hamm-diabetes-center/diabetes-research/>

Clinical trials are fully integrated into the HHDC, and the Endocrinology section with robust support for clinical collaborative partnership with the HHDC. Over the last 5 years, the section faculty have generated nearly \$18 million in extramural research funding with \$3.2 million in FY21 alone. The HHDC supports entrepreneurial investigators with a strong infrastructure for clinical and translational research, including grants and facilities for pilot programs, team science, equipment, and commercialization opportunities through the innovation to enterprise investment program.

The scientific environment on the OUHSC campus is outstanding with an actively growing campus of seven colleges and three hospitals including OU Health Adult and Children's Hospitals and the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center. There are strong collaborative research activities with the OMRF, OU-Norman campus, and OU-Tulsa campus. OUHSC is nationally recognized for research in Vision (Dean McGee Eye Institute), Diabetes (Harold Hamm Diabetes Center), GeroScience (Center for Geroscience and Healthy Brain Aging)

and Cancer (NCI-designated Stephenson Cancer Center). OUHSC has state-of-the-art research facilities with core laboratories for imaging, metabolomics, genomics, proteomics, and drug discovery. With a budget of over \$700 million, OUHSC employs more than 1,000 full time faculty and 2,400 staff. Approximately 3,500 students are enrolled in more than seventy undergraduate and graduate degree programs in one of seven colleges at the Health Sciences Center.

With a metro population of >1.3 million, [Oklahoma City: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GJIHhypBmU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GJIHhypBmU) is the anchor of a rapidly growing, multicultural metropolitan area with over 300 days of sunshine, low cost of living, excellent schools and a wide array of cultural amenities including NBA basketball, restaurants, and outdoor amenities. The University of Oklahoma has a strong institutional commitment to recruiting and retaining an academically and culturally diverse community of faculty. Minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, and members of other underrepresented groups, in particular, are encouraged to apply. OUHSC is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

Applicants should include a cover letter (stating qualifications, overview of professional goals, and research interests) and curriculum vitae to Patricia Parker: [patricia-parker@ouhsc.edu](mailto:patricia-parker@ouhsc.edu). Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.