

Endowed Department Chair, Department of Accounting

The Mitchell College of Business at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Alabama is seeking to fill the Jeanne Sylvestre Endowed Chair in Accounting, and Department Chair. The start date for this position is August 15, 2024.

College/Department Summary: The University of South Alabama (USA) Mitchell College of Business (MCOB) offers the BSBA degree with several majors that include Accounting, Finance, Economics, Management, Marketing, Supply Chain Management, and International Business. The Mitchell College also offers an MBA degree program and a PhD in Business Administration with concentrations in Marketing, Management, and Business Analytics. The Department of Accounting also offers the Master of Accounting degree. The Mitchell College of Business and the Department of Accounting are accredited members of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The Department of Accounting is one of only approximately 187 accounting programs in the world with additional AACSB accreditation.

Position Summary: Reporting directly to the Dean of the Mitchell College of Business, the Department Chair provides leadership and service to the department, the college, and the university community while contributing to a positive collegial culture.

Responsibilities include: 1) leading the Accounting Program AACSB Accreditation process and program assessment efforts ensuring that the curricula, research, and goals of the department are aligned with the MCOB and USA strategic plan and mission, 2) managing the budget and the administration of the department, such as staffing and scheduling courses, 3) participating in outreach activities with external stakeholders, accounting professionals, and academic colleagues throughout the region and state, 4) organizing and maintaining effective relations with the Department of Accounting advisory board, 5) providing effective leadership and evaluation of department faculty, 6) teaching undergraduate and/or graduate courses as required, 7) continuing a program of successful scholarship and research, 8) performing the duties of the Director of the Master of Accounting program, 9) participating in the leadership of the College along with the Dean, Associate Deans, and other Department Chairs, and 10) performing other duties as assigned.

Required Qualifications

- Earned doctorate in accounting.
- Record of continuing academic excellence in scholarship and teaching that merit appointment as a full professor of Accounting.
- Evidence of effective leadership, communication, relationship building and interpersonal skills.

Preferred Qualifications

- Evidence of successful administrative experience in higher education.
- Relevant certification (e.g., CPA, CMA, CIA).
- Ability to maintain and build relationships with alumni and the business community.

- Ability to contribute as a team member and effectively supervise personnel and steward departmental resources.
- Ability to mentor junior faculty in the areas of teaching and research.

The University of South Alabama (www.southalabama.edu), classified as a high research activity university, is a major center of high-quality undergraduate, graduate, medical and professional education located on the upper Gulf Coast, enrolling over 13,000 students. The university is located in Mobile, Alabama (www.mobile.org), recognized as a vibrant business, cultural and recreational hub, located conveniently between the Florida Panhandle and New Orleans, Louisiana. Mobile is experiencing an economic surge across industry sectors, including aerospace, shipping, and maritime interests, healthcare, distribution, and services. The Mitchell College of Business endeavors to play a critical role in this ongoing regional economic growth.

Applicants should send a letter of application, vita, and the names and contact information of three references, electronically to: Dr. Ken Hunsader, Search Committee Chair, Mitchell College of Business #330, University of South Alabama, 5811 USA Drive South, Mobile, AL 36688-0002, khunsader@southalabama.edu. The deadline for applications is December 15, 2023, although the position will remain open until filled.

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