

FACULTY SEARCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Department of Ethics and Social Medicine
Faculty of Public Health, Hanoi Medical University (HMU)
Hanoi, Vietnam

Position Title / Rank: Lecturer
Department: Department of Ethics and Social Medicine
Deadline: September 30, 2010

The Department of Ethics and Social Medicine at Hanoi Medical University invites applications from Vietnamese scholars for a full-time tenure-stream (*biên chế*) appointment at the Lecturer level, starting as soon as possible. Through a grant provided by the National Institute for Child Health and Development (NICHD) of the US National Institutes of Health, the Department is committed to providing two years of salary support at a competitive level. The University is committed to prioritize tenure appointment. Applicants should have a graduate-level background and degree in the Social Sciences, preferably Sociology or Psychology, and either have a Ph.D. or expect to finish the Ph.D. at time of appointment.

Hanoi Medical University (HMU), established in 1902, is a leading medical university in Vietnam. Its mission is to train high quality health professionals in a wide range of biomedical, clinical and public health sciences. HMU includes 3 faculties and more than 40 academic departments and research institutes, serving approximately 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students. HMU offers training programs in all levels of tertiary medical education: undergraduate degrees in general medicine, preventive medicine, traditional medicine and dentistry; bachelor's degrees in public health, nursing and medical technology; specialization degree level I and II in all clinical fields; and PhD and master degrees in public health, clinical medicine and the basic medical sciences.

The *Department of Ethics and Social Medicine*, inaugurated on May 11, 2010, is one of the ten Departments within the Faculty of Public Health. The Department currently has six faculty members with backgrounds in psychology, public health, philosophy, medical anthropology and medicine. The Department's vision is to become a national center of excellence in the areas of bioethics, medical professionalism and ethics, and social medicine. The Department has received significant commitment of funding from international organizations and the government for the next two academic years. Over the next five years, key objectives for the Department include: (1) finalizing teaching curriculum, teaching materials and evaluation tools for several core courses on medical professionalism and ethics, medical anthropology, medical sociology, health psychology, social inequalities and health, and ethics in biomedical research; (2) developing multi-disciplinary research programs on bioethics, culture and history of medicine, and social determinants of health and health care; (3) building the capacity of faculty members in terms of research, teaching and the provision of services in the Department's areas of interest; and (4) building collaboration with national and international institutions that are working in areas of bioethics and social medicine.

Minimum Qualifications

1. Ph.D. in a social science discipline, preferably in sociology or psychology, completed by the time of appointment;
2. Strong quantitative data analysis skills;
3. Preferably, a degree earned from an English speaking country/program;
4. Preferably, experience with teaching and publication record;
5. Ability to work well in a collaborative, team setting.

Assignment

The primary responsibilities of the new faculty hire are to:

1. Develop a research portfolio in areas of interest to the Department, especially in relation to social determinants of health and health care (social epidemiology), mental health, sociology of medicine and health care, and HIV/AIDS. This includes development of grant applications, writing for international and national publications, and leading advanced research seminars.
2. Collaborate with other faculty members in developing and implementing the curriculum for several core courses, especially a course on social inequalities and health. This includes development of teaching curriculum, teaching materials, and evaluation tools and teaching selected sessions of the courses.

Application Procedure

A review of applications will begin on October 1, 2010. The position will remain open until filled. To be considered for this position, the applicant must submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and samples of publications or writing samples. Please send original materials by mail to the following address and also by e-mail in PDF format:

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The applicant should also request that three referees submit letters of support to the address above. The applicant should submit separately the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of each referee.