University of California, Irvine (UC Irvine or UCI) seeks an innovative, strategic leader committed to promoting and fostering excellence in teaching, research, professional practice, and service for the position of dean of the Sue & Bill Gross School of Nursing (School). This is an exciting opportunity for a creative, visionary leader to play a pivotal role in advancing a compelling vision that will define what it means to be a forward-thinking nursing school and address the critical needs of the profession.

Reporting to the vice chancellor of health affairs and the provost, the dean will provide academic and strategic leadership within an established framework of shared governance and foster a positive and productive work environment that promotes excellence in teaching, practice, and scholarship. Building upon the current success of the School and its faculty, the dean will capitalize on the opportunities for interdisciplinary and interprofessional programs and research within the Susan & Henry Samueli College of Health Sciences and across the university. Working with the School's faculty, staff, students, and alumni, as well as with partners throughout UCI, the new dean will provide intellectual leadership to prepare the School for the future of health care where technology and new teaching methodologies are changing the landscape of higher education. Furthermore, the incoming dean will make contributions that significantly increase diversity in the nursing workforce, and address the state’s health care needs, especially health care disparities and their negative impact on various populations.

UCI seeks a dean with high academic standards, an outstanding record of scholarship, and a demonstrated commitment to diversity. The dean will serve as a strong advocate for the School, advancing its reputation and visibility locally, nationally, and internationally. UCI's leadership team, especially its senior leaders within UCI Health Affairs, are highly collaborative and interactive. The incoming dean should have a strong orientation toward and track record of collaboration and be willing to partner with colleagues within the College of Health Sciences, UCI Health, the broader campus, and with external constituents. The dean will be a person of high integrity, a courageous leader, a change agent, builder, and risk taker. The dean will articulate a vision for the future of nursing that embraces nursing education, research, and service to prepare and empower future nurses to confront the health care demands of a complex and technologically advanced society. For more information, please visit www.wittkieffer.com.

All applications, nominations, and inquiries are invited. Applications should include, as separate documents, a CV or resume, a diversity statement, and a letter of interest addressing the themes in this profile. WittKieffer is assisting UCI in this search. For fullest consideration, candidate materials should be received by March 22, 2021. Application materials should be submitted using WittKieffer’s candidate portal. Nominations and inquiries can be directed to:

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