Marywood University (Scranton, PA) seeks nominations and applications for the position of Director of the School of Social Work. Marywood is a private university founded in 1915, and is affiliated with the Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM). The University although located within 2 hours of major metropolitan areas, its student population is representative of the small urban and rural communities of the tristate area. The University consists of five colleges including the School of Architecture. The Program is located in the College of Health and Human Services. The School of Social Work at Marywood University was originally founded in 1968 and is an integral part of the wider university and the regional social work community. The School of Social Work has a rich history of over 3,000 graduates. The Social Work Program at the master’s level is located in four locations, Scranton, Lehigh Valley, Bloomsburg and Stroudsburg, PA. The Director’s Office is located in Scranton on the main campus. The University has over 3,282 students enrolled, 2025 undergraduate, 1257 graduate and one Ph.D. Program. The MSW Program has 304 students and the BSW Program has 45 students.

The University and the School of Social Work is noted for the quality of its teaching and increasing level of excellence in research and scholarship. In January 2016, the School of Social Work will be moving into a significantly expanded professional space to support its growing enrollment and programs.

The next Director is expected to be a strong leader of a program that has robust MSW enrollments, growing undergraduate enrollments, and a newly created community development institute for projects focused regionally and globally.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Director is responsible for providing leadership and for shaping the vision of the teaching, research, scholarship and service missions of the School. Responsibilities also include directing the MSW Program, supervision of the BSW Program Director and MSW Coordinators, enrollment management, development and management of the School budget, strategic planning, personnel appointments, faculty and staff evaluations and development, promotion and tenure. The Director serves as a liaison to external bodies on matters relating to professional standards, accreditation, reviews, public relations and marketing of the School of Social Work. The Director reports directly to the Dean of the College of Health and Human Services and serves as a member of the Dean’s Policy and Operations Committee in the College.

Qualifications

The successful candidate should have stature in the field of Social Work with an ability to anticipate emerging trends and opportunities. Expectations include an earned doctorate in Social Work with an MSW and a proven record of scholarship and professional experience and eligibility for appointment as a tenured faculty member. Candidates need to be recognized as scholars who are also active administrators and leaders. Candidates should also be able to work well within a university and college system. The Director should possess a high level of energy, integrity, enthusiasm and
entrepreneurialism. The Director must serve as an advocate on behalf of the School of Social Work and its faculty and must demonstrate vision to the School and its external constituencies.

The Director must assist in the development of an online strategy for the School as well as enhance the global focus of the School through the use of visionary leadership skills.

Application Deadline and Procedures
Applicants must submit a letter of interest, a Curriculum Vitae, and names and contact information of three professional references. The initial application deadline is December 1st, 2015 and applications will continue to be reviewed every two weeks thereafter until the position is filled. Please feel free to contact Search Committee Chair, Dr. Mark E. Rodgers (mrodgers@marywood.edu) with any questions.

Send application materials to: Dr. Mark E. Rodgers
Search Committee Chair
Marywood University
2300 Adams Avenue
Scranton, PA 18509
Email: sswsearch@marywood.edu

Marywood University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from women and minorities.