The University of Michigan (U-M) in Ann Arbor, one of the world’s preeminent research institutions, seeks a Dean for its School of Social Work. The School has been consistently rated as one of the best schools of social work in the United States. It has a large MSW program with dual-degree options, a unique interdisciplinary doctoral program, and an innovative program that has become one of the largest undergraduate minors in the University. The School is committed to three overarching themes: a commitment to interdisciplinary and interprofessional teaching and research; a focus on issues of social justice and diversity; and the development and promotion of mechanisms of social change.

The Dean is the chief executive and academic officer of the School, collaborating with faculty in overseeing academic programs and policies; stewarding the School’s financial, capital and human resources; and playing a prominent role in fund raising and external relations. The Dean reports to the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. The highly decentralized structure of the University gives the Dean significant autonomy and responsibility for establishing a strategic vision for the School and marshaling the resources to support that vision.

The new Dean will lead the School in advancing its core commitments, partnering with its stakeholders to craft a compelling strategic vision for the future of the School and a clear plan for getting there. With the School facing a number of retirements in the coming years, the Dean will also be responsible for recruiting and hiring the next generation of the School’s faculty.

Candidates for the deanship should be nationally recognized scholars whose active and distinguished professional records include administrative as well as leadership experience in social work or related contexts. The successful candidate will demonstrate a record of commitment to academic excellence and keen fiscal management ability, as well as a commitment to positive social action that supports the educational goals associated with a diverse student body, faculty, staff and curriculum. Candidates must be qualified for appointment as a tenured full professor at the University of Michigan. An MSW is strongly preferred.

Inquiries, nominations and applications are invited. The University is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse and pluralistic university community committed to excellence in teaching and learning in a multicultural environment. Potential applicants who share this goal are encouraged to apply. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled.

For fullest consideration, applicant materials should be received by October 30, 2015. Candidates should provide a curriculum vitae, a letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and requirements described in the leadership profile available at www.wittkieffer.com and the names and contact information of five references. References will not be contacted without prior knowledge and approval of candidates. These materials should be sent electronically via e-mail to the retained consultants, Robin Mamlet and Elizabeth Bohan of Witt/Kieffer, at email address UMSSW@wittkieffer.com. The consultants can be reached through the desk of Leslie Donahue at 630-575-6178.

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