Job Opportunity: Associate Director of Research

This 100% time non-laboratory position will work under the guidance of the Consortium Chair, Prof. Susan M. Wolf, JD, and other faculty members to design, secure funding for, and implement research projects at the University of Minnesota’s Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences. Since 2000, the Consortium has linked the multidisciplinary skill and scholarship of its 19 member centers to conduct original research, serve students and faculty, and advance public dialogue on emerging issues at the intersection of science and society. One of only six University-wide centers, we have pioneered cross-disciplinary work that joins legal, ethical, and scientific expertise to solve societal problems. The Consortium has a distinguished record of projects funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF), and private foundations, addressing cutting-edge issues in genomics, nanomedicine, and other emerging technologies. Our events draw top national scholars and policymakers to campus to explore topics including genomics, biosecurity, neuroscience, synthetic biology, reproductive technologies, and health care reform.

Position Description:
The person in this position will work with the Consortium Chair and other key faculty to design, secure funding for, and implement research projects; will collaborate on research and scholarship; and will participate in Consortium events, including lectures and national conferences. The Associate Director of Research (ADR) will conduct research on the ethical, legal, and social implications (ELSI) of biomedicine and the life sciences; work on existing grants involving emerging technologies; collaborate on new grant proposals; and publish significant scholarship. The ADR will have opportunities to collaborate with Consortium faculty across the entire University. Duties may also include supervision of part-time research assistants. The ADR is expected to participate in the intellectual life of the Consortium, present research at workshops and scholarly conferences, and publish related research in academic journals. Opportunities may be available to teach as an adjunct in Law or Bioethics, depending on area of expertise and curricular needs. The successful candidate will have a track record of research and publication that clearly demonstrates excellence and high promise for further accomplishment. This is a full-time, annually renewable P&A position. Salary is commensurate with credentials and experience.

Required Qualifications:
Applicants must have a J.D., Ph.D., M.D., or other relevant terminal degree; at least 2 years of experience post-degree in related work; an excellent record of research and publication; clear potential for continued scholarly accomplishment; a history of successful work on grant-funded projects; outstanding written and verbal communication skills; a high level of organization and multi-tasking skills; and a demonstrated ability to work well in a collaborative environment. Further desired qualifications include a background in genetics/genomics and/or other emerging technologies such as nanotechnology and neuroscience; a background in bioethics; a history of successfully securing funding from federal agencies for grant projects and the timely execution of grant projects with outstanding results; and strong computer skills.

Application Instructions:
Interested applicants should submit a current resume and cover letter with the names of three references, as well as 2-3 scholarly writing samples, via the University of Minnesota online application website. Link for external applicants: http://z.umn.edu/y1x; link for current UMN employees: http://z.umn.edu/yly. Applications will be reviewed beginning October 1, 2015 and continue until the position is filled. Applications from women, persons of color, persons with disabilities, and other who may contribute diverse experiences and ideas are particularly encouraged. To request an accommodation during the application process, please email employ@umn.edu or call 612-624-8647. Any offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of a background check. Contact Audrey Boyle, Senior Grants & Finance Manager, at Boyle032@umn.edu or 612-626-5624 with questions. consortium.umn.edu