The College of Arts and Sciences at the University of South Carolina (UofSC) invites nominations and applications for the position of Director of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program and tenured Associate or Full Professor to begin August 16, 2022.

The Women’s and Gender Studies program at UofSC was created in 1976 and continues to serve the university, local, state, national, and global communities by acting as a resource for issues related to feminisms and intersectionality. Through faculty research, our program reconceptualizes knowledge, creates new knowledge and reinterprets existing knowledge through the lens of social justice. Our teaching mission is to share this knowledge so that students learn to think critically, communicate effectively, solve problems, and interpret human experience. We offer Bachelor of Arts degrees for WGST majors, an undergraduate minor, and a graduate certificate.

The successful candidate will provide academic and administrative leadership within the Women’s and Gender Studies program as well as dynamic teaching and scholarship. We seek a visionary leader with a Ph.D. in a field relevant to Women’s and Gender Studies (broadly defined) and tenurable in a Department within the College of Arts and Sciences. Candidates for the rank of Full Professor must have at least nine years of effective, relevant experience by the start date of employment, while candidates for the rank of Associate Professor must have at least 3 years of effective, relevant experience by the start date of employment. The successful applicant will have a strong record of scholarly achievement and teaching excellence commensurate with appointment as a tenured professor, administrative expertise, and the demonstrated ability to work collaboratively with faculty, staff, and students, consistent with the expectations and mission of a Research 1 University. The Director must also manage and further develop existing community partnerships and internship programs. Engagement with the larger community through various outreach initiatives will be expected. The successful candidate will share the college’s commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Applicants must apply online at: http://uscjobs.sc.edu/postings/107040

Applications must include a cover letter, curriculum vita, and contact information for at least 3 references. Candidates must also include a separate statement that describes their administrative philosophy, and their future vision of the field of Women’s and Gender Studies. Nominations and questions may be directed to the Search Committee chair, Professor Tammi L. Richardson (richardson@biol.sc.edu). Review of applications will begin November 15, 2021. The position will remain open until filled.

As the largest college at the UofSC, the College of Arts and Sciences is the intellectual, artistic, scientific, and instructional heart of the university. The college is home to award-winning scientists, scholars and teachers that span the arts, humanities, natural science, and social science disciplines. The college's 26 schools, departments, academic programs, and institutes offer 109
degrees to over 8,700 undergraduates and more than 850 graduate students. College faculty are consistently recognized both nationally and internationally for teaching and research excellence.

The UofSC’s main campus is in Columbia, the state capital, close to the mountains and the coast. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has designated the UofSC as one of only 73 public and 35 private academic institutions with “very high research activity” and lists UofSC as having strong focus on community engagement. The University has over 31,000 students on the main campus (and over 46,000 students system-wide), more than 450 degree programs, and a nationally ranked library system that includes one of the nation’s largest public film archives. Columbia is the center of a greater metropolitan area which has a population over 800,000.

The UofSC is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. Minorities and women are especially encouraged to apply. The University of South Carolina does not discriminate in educational or employment opportunities on the basis of race, sex, gender, gender identity, transgender status, age, color, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, genetics, protected veteran status, pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.