Duke University invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean, Duke University School of Nursing (DUSON). This is an exciting opportunity to sustain and enhance the institutional achievements of one of the nation's most prestigious schools of nursing. The Dean has overall executive responsibility for all aspects of DUSON and also serves as Vice Chancellor for Nursing Affairs at Duke University and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs for Nursing at Duke University Health System.

DUSON's 92 full-time faculty members lead educational programs for more than 1100 students. This year, the School rose to #2 in the 2021 U.S. News and World Report rankings of graduate schools of nursing in the United States, and five of its MSN programs were ranked as #1 in the nation. With its commitment to educational excellence, Duke is the only institution in the nation to receive honors from the National League for Nursing (NLN) in the four categories of Promoting Pedagogical Expertise of Faculty; Advancing the Science of Nursing Education; Enhancing Student Learning and Professional Development; and Academic Progression of Nurses.

DUSON’s thriving research programs emphasize health innovation, population health, precision health and biomarkers, and data science. Research at DUSON is supported by $8.7 million in external funding, ranking #9 in total research funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) among U.S. nursing schools. The School also ranks #2 in total NIH predoctoral fellowships as well as #3 in total number of NIH research awards.

At DUSON, diversity embodies cultural sensitivity, openness, collaboration and inclusion, and fosters learning by reflecting experiences from life, classroom and practice. The School was first named a “Best Nursing School for Men in Nursing” by the American Assembly for Men in Nursing in 2010 and has received this honor every year since 2016. DUSON also received an "INSIGHT Into Diversity HEED” Award in 2016 and 2020. This year, the DUSON Racial Justice Task Force was formed in alignment with the Chancellor for Health Affairs' “Moments to Movement” initiative, which charged the Duke Health community to seek deep, interdisciplinary change addressing systemic racism, inequity and injustice. DUSON seeks a dean who will uphold this enduring commitment to equity and inclusion.

Reporting to the Chancellor for Health Affairs, the Dean will lead an outstanding community of world-class scholars, staff, and learners at DUSON. Candidates should possess a strong record of professional accomplishments and credentials within academic nursing as well as the leadership experience and national reputation necessary to ensure the enhancement of the educational, research, and clinical missions of DUSON. A Ph.D. in nursing or a related field and eligibility for licensure as an R.N. in North Carolina are required.

Duke University has retained Spencer Stuart, a national retained executive search firm, to assist the DUSON dean search committee. Nominations or expressions of interest should be sent to Laura Mariani (lmariani@spencerstuart.com) at Spencer Stuart.