

Vice Chair for Research – Neurology

The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine's Department of Neurology is recruiting a visionary Vice Chair for Research (VCR) at the rank of Associate or Full Professor (tenure-eligible or non-tenure track). Building on a period of rapid faculty expansion, doubled extramural funding, and a new academic medical tower, the VCR will serve as the department's senior scientific leader, crafting and executing a multi-year research roadmap that advances basic, translational, and clinical discovery in stroke, epilepsy, cognitive neurology, neuro-immunology, and bioinformatics.

Reporting directly to the Chair, the VCR will maintain an active, externally funded program while mentoring faculty and trainees toward sustained NIH, DoD, industry, and philanthropic support. The role includes oversight of laboratories, clinical-trial units, and stewardship of regulatory compliance, and cultivation of interdisciplinary partnerships across the OU Health Sciences Center.

Recently, the department welcomed a new Chair of Neurology who brings a forward-thinking vision and commitment to excellence in patient care, education, and research. This leadership change signifies an exciting new chapter for the department, aimed at further strengthening our clinical programs, expanding research initiatives, and enhancing educational opportunities for residents, fellows, and students. Together, with the support of OU Health Physicians and the OU Health System, the Department of Neurology is poised to continue its trajectory of excellence, serving as a leader in neurological care for Oklahoma and beyond.

Candidates must hold an MD, PhD, or MD/PhD in Neurology, Neuroscience, or a related discipline and present a national reputation demonstrated by sustained peer-reviewed funding and high-impact publications. Proven success in leading interdisciplinary teams, mentoring early-career investigators, and—if clinically active—eligibility for Oklahoma medical licensure and ABPN certification are required.

The position offers a competitive salary, a customizable start-up package with dedicated wet/dry laboratory space, and commensurate protected research effort.

Located in the heart of Oklahoma City, the University of Oklahoma provides an exceptional opportunity for professionals to work and live in a dynamic, economically robust environment. Oklahoma City is celebrated not only for its affordability—with a cost-of-living index among the lowest in the United States—but also for its welcoming community and growing reputation as a hub of innovation and culture. Over the past several years, the city has undergone a remarkable billion-dollar renaissance that has revitalized and expanded its cultural, recreational, and social offerings.

The city boasts the lively Bricktown entertainment district, where residents can explore an array of restaurants, bars, and entertainment venues set along scenic

canals. Additionally, Oklahoma City is home to a rich tapestry of arts and culture, including the renowned Oklahoma City Ballet, Lyric Theatre, Oklahoma City Philharmonic, and numerous art galleries and museums. For sports enthusiasts, the city proudly hosts the NBA's Oklahoma City Thunder, as well as a variety of other professional and collegiate sports teams. With its combination of affordability, vibrant culture, and warm community spirit, Oklahoma City is an ideal place to build both a career and a fulfilling life.

For more information on this exciting opportunity, please contact Michel Torbey, MD, MBA, MPH, Professor and Chair, at 405-271-4113 or via email at Michel-Torbey@ouhsc.edu , or write to the OU College of Medicine Department of Neurology, 920 Stanton L. Young Blvd., Ste. 2040, Oklahoma City, OK 73104.

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