Faculty Scientist and Division Chief (Associate Professor/Professor) REQ #2300036R

McGovern Medical School at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth Houston), a leading academic health center, invites applications for Division Chief of the Pediatric Research Center at the Associate or Professor tenure track level position. Qualified applicants should have evidence of strong leadership skills and an active research program focused on the study of any of a range of birth defects/disabilities and developmental disorders, including cleft lip and palate, craniosynostosis, kidney and cardiovascular malformations, and disorders resulting from abnormal cartilage and bone growth.

The Pediatric Research Center is home to leading scientists who seek to understand the causes of birth defects, which affect 25% of newborns and children, inflicting significant morbidity and are a leading cause of death in this group. To alleviate these burdens, our researchers use state-of-the-art technologies to identify the underlying abnormal genetic mechanisms and cellular pathologies contributing to these conditions. The long-term goal of the Pediatric Research Center investigators is to uncover the cause(s) of birth defects to develop both prevention strategies and treatments to cure sick children, since not all birth defects can be prevented.

The Texas Medical Center offers rich resources and opportunities for collaboration with a wide range of scientists and clinicians. The Pediatric Research Center is a primary member organization of the Lawrence Bone Disease Program of Texas and the Center for Craniofacial Research (in association with the UTHealth Houston School of Dentistry) and has many exciting collaborations with investigators across the TMC.

The position is highly competitive with regard to salary, endowed chair, endowments, start-up funds, resources for faculty recruitment, and laboratory space.

The selected candidate will contribute to the department's mission to educate health science professionals, discover and translate advances in the biomedical and social sciences, and model the best practices in clinical care and public health through research, teaching, clinical service, administration activities, and other services.

The McGovern Medical School is one of seven schools at UTHealth Houston and is located in the world's largest medical center, the Texas Medical Center. The University has state-of-the-art facilities, including microscopy, genomics, proteomics, histopathology cores, and vivariums.

Position Key Accountabilities:
- Overseeing administrative, academic, and research activities of the Division
- Responsible for the growth with recruitment, advancement of research and teaching excellence, academic and research planning, development, and resource management.
- Leading the division to the next level in research and training.

Qualification:

- PhD, MD, MD/PhD, or equivalent degrees
- The ideal candidate should have a record of research accomplishments and have extramural grants and current research funding. A successful candidate will be expected to maintain or develop and sustain research programs with extramural funding, play an integral role in new program initiatives, and contribute to the teaching mission of the department and the school.
- Qualified applicants must demonstrate a commitment to excellence, discovery, and service, be outstanding in their field of expertise, and share an interest in fulfilling the common goals of McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston.

All applicants must apply to Requisition #2300036R on our "Faculty Career Opportunities" website: https://careers.uth.tmc.edu/us/en/c/faculty-physicians-jobs. Applications should include a cover letter, curriculum vitae, research statement (3-page limit), and the names and contact information of three references. Application materials should be submitted as a single PDF file to Dr. Jacqueline Hecht at jacqueline.t.hecht@uth.tmc.edu.