

Letter To Candidates

Dear Candidate:

We appreciate your interest in the Chair's position in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics. We are looking forward to identifying a new Chair and optimistic about the future of the Department. In the past year the University of Kentucky has undergone significant change in its leadership including the hiring of a new University President, [Eli Capilouto](#), and the appointment of a new Dean for the College of Medicine, Dr. Fred DeBeer. Both have been NIH funded investigators and thus are highly supportive of building strong research oriented basic science departments. In addition the University is in the process of constructing a [new hospital](#), the first part of which opened this year. The College of Medicine is home to an NIH funded CTSA grant, [Markey Cancer Center](#), [Saha Cardiovascular Research Center](#), [Barnstable Brown Kentucky Diabetes and Obesity Research Center](#) and the [Sanders Brown Center on Aging](#).

As with other basic science departments at the University of Kentucky tenure-track faculty salaries are fully funded by the Commonwealth. Our most recent, annual Department budget from the Commonwealth was \$3.8 million. The department is currently housed on the third and fourth floors of the Medical Sciences building and in the adjacent Combs Cancer Building where it occupies 28,174 nsf of space. The department is in close proximity to other basic science departments as well as the hospital. The University has outstanding research support facilities including an extensive [imaging facility](#), a [proteomics facility](#), a [microarray facility](#), a [Cell Sorting](#) core and a [Transgenic Animal Core](#), the latter two of which are housed in the Microbiology Department. Most recently, together with Markey Cancer Center, the department has set up a [Small Animal Imaging Facility](#). The department maintains a BL3 laboratory.

The department recruit students, currently numbering 17, as part of the College's [Integrated Biomedical Sciences \(IBS\)](#) program which is a common first year curriculum for all entering graduate students in the Basic Sciences. The Department's most recent [Self-study](#) and its [Six-year Review](#) by the University are available at its website.

Members of the [Chair Search Committee](#) welcome inquiries from interested candidates.

The University of Kentucky is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. We encourage applications from individuals with diverse experiences and backgrounds.

Yours truly,
Lou Hersh
Chair Search Committee