

DIRECTOR, DISASTER RESEARCH CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

The Office of the Provost at the University of Delaware invites applications for the position of Director of the Disaster Research Center (<http://www.udel.edu/DRC/>). We seek an energetic scholar who has a strong appreciation for DRC's history as the first center in the world focused on the social science aspects of disaster, while at the same time offers an exciting vision to lead the Center's increasingly multi-disciplinary efforts.

DRC plays a leadership role in the international research network of research on disasters and crises. It was founded in 1963 and moved to the University of Delaware in 1985, DRC has received funding from various governmental and private agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the Sea Grant Program, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The DRC is a university-wide center that reports to the Senior Vice Provost for Research and Strategic Initiatives. The Center currently has 8 core faculty members from three departments, all of whom engage in ambitious collaborative research. The Director will both contribute to this research agenda and lead efforts to expand campus-wide participation in the Center.

The successful applicant will show evidence of a deep commitment to collaborative work in academe and with the community, as well as an appreciation for the importance of work that integrates multiple disciplinary perspectives and uses multiple methods. The applicant will demonstrate a distinguished record of scholarly accomplishments in the field of disasters appropriate for the award of tenure, significant administrative and grants-management experience, a solid record of teaching and service, and an active and innovative research agenda that shows success in obtaining funding from external government or private sources of funding. The successful applicant will be offered a tenured appointment in the appropriate department of her or his discipline.

The Director manages Center operations, supervises a staff that includes graduate research assistants and undergraduates, represents DRC with funding agencies and other constituencies, seeks external research support, and coordinates with efforts related to a new interdisciplinary graduate program in disasters. Because DRC core faculty members have appointments in a range of departments across campus, the Director also works actively to foster ties with other units. The appointment includes opportunities for teaching undergraduate and graduate courses related to disasters.

The University of Delaware is an equal opportunity employer which encourages applications from minority group members and women. The committee will begin reviewing applications on December 1, 2009. Applicants should send a detailed statement of interest with qualifications meeting the criteria outlined above, and a curriculum vitae in electronic pdf format. Additional information may be requested from candidates after an initial review of applicants: Applications and questions about the position can be directed to the search chair, Jeffrey A. Raffel, Messick Professor of Public Administration, at raffel@udel.edu.