The Department of Political Science at the University of South Carolina invites applications for a Department Chair. The appointment will begin July 1, 2016. We seek a rigorous, nationally-recognized scholar with an active research agenda whose record qualifies for appointment at the level of Full Professor with tenure and who brings relevant administrative experience to the position of Department Chair. We welcome applications from scholars in all subfields within political science, but we have particular needs in the fields of American Politics and International Relations.

The Department ranks among the top 30 public research departments in the discipline and has built the foundation for future growth through ambitious hiring over the past decade. We seek a Department Chair who can build upon this strong foundation to further increase the department's prestige and visibility in the discipline.

The Department of Political Science with about 50 enrolled students, a NASPAA-accredited MPA program, and two undergraduate degrees in political science and international studies with about 820 majors.

Applicants should submit a letter describing their interests and credentials, curriculum vitae, and the contact information for three individuals who can provide a letter of recommendation. Please submit materials to STEVENBK@mailbox.sc.edu. In the subject line type Chair Search. In lieu of the preferred electronic submission, applications may also be sent to:

- Department Chair Search Committee
- Department of Political Science
- Gambrell Hall / 817 Henderson Street
- University of South Carolina
- Columbia, SC 29208

Screening of applications will begin November 01, 2015, although applications may be considered until the search is completed.

The University of South Carolina's main campus is located in the state capital, close to mountains and coast. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has designated the University as one of only 40 public institutions with “very high research activity”. The Carnegie Foundation also lists USC as having strong community engagement. The University has over 31,000 students on the main campus, more than 300 degree programs, and a nationally-ranked library system that includes one of the nation's largest public film archives. Columbia, the capital of South Carolina, is the center of an increasingly sophisticated greater metropolitan area with a population of over 800,000.

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