

Director of the Center for Information and Communication Sciences

Ball State University (BSU) invites applications for the position of **Director of the Center for Information and Communication Sciences (CICS)**. The Center is an intense, 11-month interdisciplinary and entrepreneurial graduate/professional program that combines theory and practical learning in information and communication sciences through a curriculum that serves as the nexus for technology, business, and public policy. Housed in the College of Communication, Information, and Media—one of the largest and most technologically advanced communication colleges in the United States—the Center is comprised of six full-time senior faculty in addition to interdisciplinary adjunct instructors and distinguished visitors. As the largest graduate STEM program at BSU, the Center serves a diverse student body and graduates 60 to 90 master's degree candidates per year. CICS boasts a loyal and supportive alumni base of over 1,800 as well as a job placement rate of over 90 percent each year in the information and communications technology industry in the U.S. and on five other continents. For the past thirty years, CICS has been recognized as a student-centered leader in the field, and the new Director will have the opportunity to advance the vision for the Center's fourth decade and beyond. For more information about the Center, visit: <http://cms.bsu.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/cics>.

Reporting to the Dean of the College of Communication, Information, and Media, the Director is responsible for the overall leadership and operation of the Center. Responsibilities include directing the academic program, its labs, and its curriculum as well as supervising six CICS faculty, three staff, and multiple graduate assistants. The Director will serve as the principal liaison with industry connections and the Center's off-campus advisory board. S/he will also play a major part in the enrollment management of the Center, taking direct involvement in student recruitment. Building, maintaining, and strengthening relationships with an already dedicated and supportive alumni base will be critical to the Director's success. S/he will also solicit gifts in support of CICS activities. Other responsibilities include planning and executing career development and placement activities; generating outside grant proposals; supervising the activities of the Applied Research Institute; directing and managing the Student Social Learning Program; and maintaining oversight for all matters relating to planning, appointment, evaluation, salary distribution, promotion, and tenure of faculty members. The Director is also expected to participate in teaching, scholarship-appropriate research and development, and service activities. The successful candidate will demonstrate vision, leadership, and an entrepreneurial spirit. S/he should be able to negotiate in an academic environment and should have specific ideas about how CICS can expand its global reputation as a student-centered science program that produces highly qualified leaders for today's rapidly changing business environment. The successful candidate will combine industry experience with a master's degree, required, or Ph.D., preferred.

Ball State University: Founded in 1918, BSU is a public residential university in Muncie, Indiana. Each year, the institution serves roughly 21,000 undergraduate and graduate students through diverse academic programs on and off campus. BSU is classified as a research university—high research activity by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. The University offers seven associate, 178 bachelor's, 99 master's, two specialist, and 16 doctoral degrees in seven academic colleges. Ball State University aspires to be the most student-centered and community-engaged public research university and is committed to transforming entrepreneurial learners into impactful leaders who seek to improve the quality of life for all.

Environment: Muncie, Indiana, is a community of more than 70,000 residents located in east central Indiana and has consistently been named among the most affordable college towns in the United States. The city is home to many cultural attractions including the Muncie Symphony, Emens Auditorium, and the David Owsley Museum of Art at BSU. Other points of interest include Mounds State Park and the White River, which offer numerous outdoor recreational activities. Muncie affords access to Indianapolis, Chicago, and Cincinnati. For more information on all that there is to do in Muncie, visit www.visitmuncie.org.

Application: For a confidential discussion or to make a nomination, please contact Dana John Cohick, Search Consultant, or Isaac Karaffa, Search Manager, at 800-992-9277. Applicants may submit a letter of application and résumé/CV to BSUDirector@rpainc.org. Please do not provide references with your application, as they will not be retained. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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