

**DEPARTMENT CHAIR, Mechanical, Aerospace & Biomedical Engineering.** The University of South Alabama invites nominations and applications for the position of Chair of the Department of Mechanical, Aerospace & Biomedical Engineering at the rank of Associate Professor or Professor. The expected start date is August 15, 2022. Minimum qualifications include an earned doctorate in Mechanical Engineering or a closely related field. The Chair is expected to provide strategic vision and leadership to the Department and to engage in teaching, research, and scholarship. Successful candidates must show accomplished funded-research activity and scholarship; a commitment to excellence in teaching and research; exceptional verbal, organizational, and interpersonal skills; demonstrated leadership ability; and a desire and ability to collaborate effectively across disciplines, colleges, and administrative structures.

The Mechanical, Aerospace & Biomedical Engineering Department provides an ABET-accredited BSME program, an MSME program, and participates in the doctoral program for Systems Engineering. Enrollment in the undergraduate and graduate programs is in excess of 200 students. The Department is housed in Shelby Hall, a 155,000 sq.ft. state-of-the-art Engineering and Computing Sciences building, and has active research programs in a variety of areas including deep pile foundations, transportation safety, coastal engineering, and decentralized wastewater treatment. The US Army Corps of Engineers District Office, utilities, State agencies, and numerous consulting engineering firms in the local area offer opportunities for industrial/academic collaborations and student intern support. The College of Engineering has four departments: Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Civil, Coastal & Environmental Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Mechanical, Aerospace and Biomedical Engineering. The College also houses interdisciplinary analytical chemistry and electron microscopy laboratories. Please see our website for more information <https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/engineering/me/>.

Located in Mobile near the Mobile Bay Estuary and the Alabama Gulf coast with its beautiful white-sand beaches, the University of South Alabama is a public, doctoral-level institution enrolling approximately 14,000 students in nine colleges and schools. Founded in 1963, it seeks to establish itself as the premier academic institution in the northern Gulf Coast region. And with its colleges of medicine, nursing, and allied health professions; and three teaching hospitals, it also serves as a health services center for the region. Mobile is the center of a growing, two-county, metropolitan area (~600,000 residents) with a diverse economy.

Applications should be submitted in a single pdf document via email to [rgirardeau@southalabama.edu](mailto:rgirardeau@southalabama.edu) and include a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, a [Biographical Data Form](#), a statement of teaching and research interest, a statement of leadership and administrative philosophy and skills, and a list of 5 references. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Inquiries regarding this position may be directed to [rloutier@southalabama.edu](mailto:rloutier@southalabama.edu). Applicants must be legally eligible to work in the U.S. The University of South Alabama is an EO/AA employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression), religion, age, genetic information, disability, or protected veteran status.