The College of Engineering of The Pennsylvania State University invites applications for the position of Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering. The successful candidate must have an established and widely recognized reputation in Electrical Engineering. An earned doctorate is required.

The Department Head is expected to be a dynamic and innovative leader with strong administrative skills and an energetic commitment to higher education. In addition to overseeing the operational management of the department, the roles of the Department Head include: (1) creating a compelling vision for advancing the research and educational initiatives of Electrical Engineering; (2) building upon existing departmental strengths; and (3) expanding the Department into emerging interdisciplinary areas.

The Department has 42 full-time faculty members, including 14 IEEE fellows, with annual research expenditures of approximately $10 million. The NSF ranks our department 3rd nationally in total science and engineering research expenditures. The Department has major research thrusts in the areas of communications and networking, control systems, electromagnetics, electronic materials and devices, optical materials and devices, power systems, remote sensing and space sciences, and signal and image processing. The Department's undergraduate and graduate programs enroll over 450 students and 210 students, respectively. The Electrical Engineering Department is a leading innovator in multidisciplinary research activities, both within Penn State and through partnerships with industry and other universities.

Interested applicants should submit a formal letter of application, curriculum vitae, a statement regarding teaching, research, and leadership experience, a visionary statement, and the names of at least five references, including titles, affiliations, and contact information. Applications should be submitted electronically to Ms. Bobbi Schaffer at BLSDO@engr.psu.edu. Applications received prior to February 1, 2011 will receive first priority, although all applications will be considered until the search concludes. We intend to fill the position by July 1, 2011, in advance of the 2011-2012 academic year. Applications will be viewed with the strictest of confidence. Inquiries should be directed to Dr. William E. Higgins, Chair, Electrical Engineering Head Search Committee, via email at weh2@psu.edu or by phone at (814)865-0186. For more information about the Department, please visit http://www.ee.psu.edu/. We encourage applications from individuals of diverse backgrounds. Penn State is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity, and the diversity of its workforce.