We seek a creative, energetic teacher and scholar who is committed to promoting reflective, humanistic care in the medical profession. The applicant must have legitimacy with clinicians, either through experience researching clinical interactions, engaging in clinical work, or other activities. One focus of the position will be on developing a meaningful curriculum in humanistic care for graduate medical education trainees (residents and fellows).

A productive scholarly interest in humanistic health care is vital. Specific areas of inquiry, for example, might include such topics as the hidden curriculum, culture change in the clinical learning environment, cultural competence, patient communication, learner mistreatment, inter-professional communication, care-coordination or interventions addressing health disparities. The successful candidate will be expected to support a portion of their salary through clinical work and/or external funding.

A commitment to education is essential, including excellence in teaching and substantive interest in the educational process - curriculum design, pedagogy, assessment, program evaluation, etc. Experience and skill with graduate medical education is of special interest. The applicant also should be able to demonstrate a history of excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

Many of our faculty have creative interests in areas such as narrative, theatre, art, graphic novels, and film making, and we particularly welcome applicants who integrate creative endeavors into their teaching, scholarship, and other work.

The Department of Humanities at the Penn State College of Medicine is the first such department in a college of medicine in the country. Our courses are integrated in required curricula throughout all four years of our medical school, are widely respected, and have long-standing and robust involvement by faculty from clinical departments throughout the institution. This is a place where faculty can be change agents and teach what they love in an environment that matters.

The Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center campus is located in picturesque Central Pennsylvania. Hershey is home to the dynamic Hershey Theatre, which routinely hosts some of the best Broadway plays and musicals, as well as the award-winning Hersheypark theme park. The suburban-rural environment allows one to commute for only a few minutes to a world-class medical center and yet live among natural surroundings with extensive open spaces ideal for sports and other outdoor activities. Nearby cities include the State Capital Harrisburg (15 miles), Baltimore (90 miles), Philadelphia (90 miles), and Washington D.C. (130 miles).

We promote and value diversity in all forms and seek individuals who can help enliven our organization and make it more inclusive. Salary and benefits are competitive and benchmarked against those of other colleges of medicine in our region.

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