

## **Chair of the J.B. Hunt Department of Supply Chain Management**

The University of Arkansas Sam M. Walton College of Business is currently seeking applications for the position of Chair of the Department of Supply Chain Management, with the preferred start date being in 2025. The ideal candidate should be a highly respected scholar in the field of supply chain management with a proven track record of teaching excellence, a dedication to mentoring junior faculty, and an understanding of the importance of industry involvement. As part of the College's Executive Committee, the Department Chair will play a crucial role in shaping and implementing the College's strategic direction.

The successful candidate will demonstrate strong leadership, administrative, and collaborative skills, working effectively with faculty members of all ranks. They should be able to contribute positively to the reputation and work environment of Walton College. Additionally, the candidate must serve as a role model for faculty and staff by maintaining a positive attitude and fostering productive and collegial relationships within the department and with other administrators.

Responsibilities will include maintaining a conducive research environment, strong teaching culture, and industry partnerships; leading the faculty in managing supply chain management curricula across undergraduate, masters, and doctoral programs; overseeing class scheduling and faculty deployment with support from Assistant and Associate Department Chairs; stewarding department financial resources toward efficient uses and effective outcomes; driving strategic growth to enhance academic reputation and financial stability; advocating for a broad set of faculty contributions that enhances the Department's impact and national reputation; and ensuring compliance with all university policies, procedures, and regulations, as well as applicable state and federal laws.

The position entails a 50% administrative role with an annual teaching load of one course. It is structured as a renewable 5-year term, offering a competitive compensation package. Regular on-campus availability, in-person teaching, and active contribution to the life of the department, including exhibiting respect and cooperation in shared academic and administrative tasks are essential duties.

Qualifications:

Minimum Qualifications:

- Ph.D. in Supply Chain Management or a closely related field
- Professor rank or higher with tenure at an AACSB accredited business school or college
- An established research program with the potential to publish in leading peer-reviewed journals
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Demonstrated collegiality and teamwork
- Demonstrated willingness to engage and collaborate with executive leadership of the College.

Preferred Qualifications:

- A research and teaching record suitable for tenure at the full professor level
- Prior experience as department chair (or equivalent) that shows an ability to perform all administrative, budgetary, curricular and engagement activities of the department
- A proven record of securing external funds through fundraising, industry sponsored research, or grants
- Evidence of developing innovative initiatives in academic programs, outreach and/or administration
- Demonstrated commitment to continuous improvement and innovation

Additional Information:

The J.B. Hunt Transport Department of Supply Chain Management at the Sam M. Walton College of Business boasts a distinguished reputation in education and research. It offers undergraduate, MBA, and PhD programs that consistently rank among the top in North America. Gartner recognizes its undergraduate program as No. 1 and its graduate program as No. 2 in North America. The department focuses on innovative research and practical applications, supported by strong industry partnerships. Faculty members include leading scholars and industry experts who contribute to significant advancements in supply chain management. The department also emphasizes experiential learning, providing students with experience through industry collaborations and internships. Additionally, the University of Arkansas consistently ranks in the top 5 in empirical research according to the SCMList™.

Central to the department is the Supply Chain Management Research Center, which drives innovation and fosters industry collaboration. This center offers cutting-edge research, industry forums, and partnerships that enhance student learning and industry practices. The center focuses on logistics, operations, and supply chain strategy, providing a platform for faculty and students to engage with industry leaders, participate in groundbreaking research projects, and access valuable resources. By hosting events and forums, the center facilitates knowledge exchange between academia and industry, ensuring that the curriculum remains relevant and forward-thinking.

Faculty members, recognized for their expertise and contributions to the field, lead these initiatives. Their research often appears in top-tier journals and influences both academic thought and practical applications in supply chain management. Students benefit from these insights through experiential learning opportunities, including internships, industry projects, and hands-on coursework. The center collaborates with various industry partners to address current challenges and explore future trends in supply chain management. These partnerships provide students with real-world experience and networking opportunities, preparing them to become leaders in the field.

For more information, visit [Supply Chain Management at the University of Arkansas](#).

The Sam M. Walton College of Business: The Sam M. Walton College of Business has more than 9,000 students. The Walton College has an innovative cross-functional business core program that focuses on business processes, and several new cross-disciplinary minors and concentrations. The University of Arkansas has a total enrollment of more than 32,000 students. It recently completed a successful capital campaign that raised about \$1.5 billion. The Walton College has consistently been ranked among the nation's top 25 public undergraduate business schools since 2005, according to *U.S. News and World Report*.

#### Required Documents to Apply:

Cover Letter/Letter of Application, Curriculum Vitae, List of three Professional References

#### Recruitment Contact Information:

Diane M. Walsh McNutt, Director of HR, Walton College, [dmwalshm@uark.edu](mailto:dmwalshm@uark.edu)

Michele Crippen, Sr. HR Operations, [mcrippen@walton.uark.edu](mailto:mcrippen@walton.uark.edu)

*All application materials must be uploaded to the University of Arkansas System Career Site <https://uasys.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/UASYS>*

*Please do not send to listed recruitment contact.*

### Special Instructions to Applicants:

All application materials must be uploaded to the U of A's career site:

<http://jobs.uark.edu/postings/R0062228> at or before October 15, 2024, for full consideration. Applications should include a CV (including a list of references), and a cover letter that briefly states: administration experience / interest; prior research and teaching experience. Screening interviews will begin mid-October. Late applications will be reviewed as necessary to fill the position. For search related questions, please contact Senior Associate Dean Gary Peters ([peters@uark.edu](mailto:peters@uark.edu)) or Dr. Matt Waller ([mwaller@walton.uark.edu](mailto:mwaller@walton.uark.edu)).

### Pre-employment Screening Requirements:

#### Criminal Background Check, Sex Offender Registry

The University of Arkansas is committed to providing a safe campus community. We conduct background checks for applicants being considered for employment. Background checks include a criminal background check and a sex offender registry check. For certain positions, there may also be a financial (credit) background check, a Motor Vehicle Registry (MVR) check, and/or drug screening. Required checks are identified in the position listing. A criminal conviction or arrest pending adjudication or adverse financial history information alone shall not disqualify an applicant in the absence of a relationship to the requirements of the position. Background check information will be used in a confidential, non-discriminatory manner consistent with state and federal law.

The University of Arkansas seeks to attract, develop and retain high quality faculty, staff and administrators that consistently display practices and behaviors to advance a culture that embeds inclusion, opportunity, educational excellence and unparalleled access for all. The University of Arkansas is an equal opportunity, affirmative action institution. The University does not discriminate in its education programs or activities (including in admission and employment) on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, disability, religion, marital or parental status, protected veteran status, military service, genetic information, or sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity). Federal law prohibits the University from discriminating on these bases. Questions or concerns about the application of Title IX, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, may be sent to the University's Title IX Coordinator and to the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights.

Persons must have proof of legal authority to work in the United States on the first day of employment.

All application information is subject to public disclosure under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.