

Dear Colleagues,

After serving the Hong Kong University of Science Technology for 18 years, I returned to Peking University full-time in September 2010. I was recently called to serve as the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Chongqing University. This is a great challenge for me, and I am writing to seek your help.

Recently, my good friend, Prof. Jianhua Lin, former Executive Vice President of Peking University, became the President of Chongqing University. He and his administration have set out the goal to make Chongqing University one of the best universities in China. To achieve that goal, one of the major developments is the establishment of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Chongqing University was traditionally strong in engineering-related areas. The university has realized the importance of natural science, social science and humanities in modern education, in promoting multidisciplinary research, as well as in social development. The faculty will be fully responsible for the development and operation of its colleges (departments). The establishment of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences is expected to greatly enhance education and research, as well as to improve management.

The most challenging thing for the Faculty is the hiring of high quality faculty. With 10 current colleges, we have room for about 150 tenure-track assistant professors, and some senior faculty including deans of several colleges (Physics, Mathematics, Life Science, for example). I would most appreciate your assistance in identifying good candidates for these positions and spreading the information to students and your friends. The starting salary will range 150,000-300,000 RMB depending upon qualification and start-up fund will be up to 2.5 million RMB for tenure-track faculty and negotiable package for senior faculty. Another attraction is housing. The university will provide an about 80 square meters apartment for tenure-track faculty and 130-200 square meters apartment for senior faculty.

Attached please find an advertisement.

Thanks for your assistance in advance, and with my best regards,

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