

Witt/Kieffer has been retained to identify and evaluate candidates for the position of Chief Technology Officer of Research Computing for the University of Massachusetts Medical School, located in Worcester, MA.

The University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) is a complex, multifunctional organization with national distinction in health sciences education, research and public service. As one of the fastest growing academic health centers and research institutions in the country, UMMS is on the leading edge of medical research into human disease and treatment. Federal and private research grants and contracts total more than \$250 million annually. In 2006, the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded to UMMS professor Craig C. Mello, PhD, and his colleague Andrew Fire, PhD of Stanford University, for their discoveries related to RNA interference (RNAi), a cellular process that offers astounding potential for understanding and ultimately treating human disease.

The Chief Technology Officer of Research Computing will work collaboratively with departmental chairs, deans, and executives of UMMS, to lead the development of best practices and standards related to technologies utilized for basic, clinical and translational research programs. The individual should be at the cutting edge of high performance computing and is expected to develop a strong working relationship with the research community.

The ideal candidate should have a PhD in Bioinformatics, or equivalent degree(s), with proven experience in providing high performance computing solutions in a research environment. The candidate will be a strategic thinker, effective negotiator and consensus builder in an academic setting and will have a collaborative leadership style with excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills.

We would appreciate receiving recommendations or nominations of qualified candidates. You may be assured that all nominations will be handled with the utmost of professional courtesy and confidentiality. For more information please contact Arlene Ansel at aanschel@wittkieffer.com or 630-575-6184 or Linda Hodges at lhodges@wittkieffer.com or 630-575-6157.