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Dear Colleagues:

On behalf of the West Campus House System, we are pleased to issue a call for nominations for the position of house professor and dean for Flora Rose House, beginning in July 2018.

The mission of the West Campus House System is to create an environment that links the residential life of students to the academic mission of the university. Charged with bringing students and faculty together in a spirit of intellectual inquiry and active citizenship, in diverse and inclusive communities, the five West Campus houses offer upper-level students unique faculty-led, student-governed, living-learning environments. These communities emphasize informal interactions with faculty members; engaging intellectual, cultural, and social opportunities; self-governance; and independence. Faculty leadership is central to this mission.

Each of the West Campus houses, named after a legendary Cornell faculty member, comprises a community of approximately 350 upper-level students. The house professor and dean is a tenured faculty member who resides in the house and is assisted by a house assistant dean. Together they bring to life the mission of the West Campus House System. Each house has its own dining room, common room, seminar room, library, and guest suite for distinguished visitors who participate in programming in the house. Graduate and professional students, who serve as assistants in house activities, also live in the house. In addition, some thirty house fellows comprised of faculty, senior administrators, and community leaders play an active role in the ongoing programs of each house, joining students at dinners and helping to develop a range of activities.

The house professor and dean appointment is for an initial three-year term with a possible renewal for up to three additional years. The appointment includes a salary supplement and leave arrangement, with compensation to the house professor and dean’s college. Dining and parking privileges are provided to the faculty member and family. The house professor and dean lives in a three-bedroom apartment with her or his immediate family members. Several previous and current house professors and deans with young children have had wonderful multi-generational experiences and would be happy to talk to interested applicants about the needs of children.
Faculty members are encouraged to nominate themselves or colleagues for this position. Nominees should be members of the tenured faculty. Please send nominations to Cathi Sullivan (pcc27@cornell.edu). The search committee will begin reviewing nominations on November 11, 2016. If you are nominating a colleague or colleagues, please simply supply the name or names. If you are nominating yourself, please provide a brief statement, by e-mail, explaining your interest.

The application process will be managed in two steps. Initial nominations will be reviewed by the search committee. Nominees selected to move forward in the process will be asked to provide additional supporting material. The search committee will begin reviewing applications on January 30, 2017, and selecting candidates for interviews. We hope to complete the search early in the spring 2017 semester. The chosen faculty member will then have a full academic year to work with the current house professor and dean, and then take up residence in August 2018.

Faculty leadership is at the core of the House System and its transformation of undergraduate life at Cornell. For more information about this important position, please consult the formal position description found at http://provost.cornell.edu/searches/rose-house/.

We encourage interested faculty to contact either of the search committee co-chairs: Rebecca Stoltzfus, vice provost for undergraduate education, and Steven Jackson, house professor and dean, William Keeton House; Ethan Stephenson, director, faculty living-learning programs; or any of the house professor and deans for further information (Shorna Allred, Alice Cook House; Ed Baptist, Carl Becker House; Garrick Blalock, Flora Rose House; Julia Thom-Levy, Hans Bethe House). We also encourage you to visit West Campus and meet the current house professors and deans as well as other faculty and students from these communities. For information about the opportunities to attend open houses and join house dinners, visit http://provost.cornell.edu/searches/. Women and underrepresented minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

Sincerely,

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