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UNIVERSITY

Invites Applications and Nominations for the
Position of:

James W. Wagner
Chair in Ethics

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The Opportunity

Emory University seeks to recruit an eminent scholar for the inaugural James W. Wagner Chair in Ethics created with the support of the university's board of trustees to honor and recognize Emory President James W. Wagner (2003-2016) for his "commitment to education and life at Emory." This is an endowed chair faculty position with a focus on the ethics of artificial intelligence or AI.

The Role of the Wagner Chair in Ethics

Emory desires a leading scholar who works in AI ethics, governance, responsible AI, or other fields concerned with the implications of artificial intelligence in public and private settings. As organizations increasingly rely on AI and as novel applications emerge, ethically committed institutions like Emory will have the responsibility of articulating values that can help guide development and respond to emerging challenges. The Wagner Chair scholar is expected to be comfortable with public scholarship and be able to credibly engage AI theorists and developers to influence the dialogue at the intersection of AI and ethics.

At Emory, the field of ethics is conceived comprehensively to encompass humanistic, natural scientific, and social scientific inquiry, as well the professions. The Wagner Chair scholar is expected to have a history of productive, multi-disciplinary research and teaching and an ability to work across units and schools. Given the significance of AI research in academia and industry, this position is open to scholars with backgrounds in industry as well as academia.

Emory as well as Atlanta is already home to a broad range of AI research and applications. The University features a large and well-integrated Center for Ethics that brings together ethics scholars from around campus, including some already working in AI ethics. The Wagner Chair therefore will enter an existing community with the task of deepening its ties and helping it grow—and growth is on the horizon. Emory is launching a major initiative in AI generally, and is committed to recruiting and hiring 40-60 AI researchers across the university. The Wagner Chair recruitment is therefore consistent with a major initiative in AI that seeks to put Emory at the heart of the AI revolution as it intersects with business, health, law, humanities and social justice applications. Atlanta is fast emerging as a dynamic center for technology and computing with its dynamic, business friendly climate and a diverse and well-qualified workforce.

Qualifications

Applicants should have an earned Ph.D. (or equivalent terminal degree) in a relevant field with a scholarly record and trajectory that is consistent with the ability to attain tenure at a major research university.

About Emory University

Since 1836, Emory's mission—to create, preserve, teach, and apply knowledge in the service of humanity—has guided the university in its work to drive discovery, serve the common good, and prepare leaders to make a difference in the world.

At the heart of Emory's impact is a distinct purpose: to think beyond oneself. *This purpose—this sense of responsibility—is present among students, faculty, and alumni across generations. Whether you work here, teach here, learn or connect here, Emory is a community of impact where the greater good is balanced with individual interest.* Emory's courageous community of seekers and solvers continues to imagine and realize the university's mission: to create, preserve, teach, and apply knowledge in the service of humanity.

Emory is recognized internationally for its outstanding [liberal arts colleges, graduate and professional schools](#), and one of the world's leading [health care systems](#). One of 65 member institutions, the university has been part of the prestigious [Association of American Universities](#) since 1995.

The excellence and dedication of Emory's faculty are why students from around the world come to Emory, where they embark on a rigorous and inclusive educational journey that transforms them into tomorrow's leaders.

Emory's leadership in academia is broad and deep, ranging from medical breakthroughs and innovative drug therapies born in their labs to breaking new ground in the humanities and social sciences. Emory attracts record-setting funding, faculty of the highest caliber, and the brightest student scholars.

Behind Emory's fundamental commitment to providing a rigorous liberal arts education within one of the nation's top research universities is a belief in the ardent pursuit of knowledge and its transformative power. This approach, led by their eminent faculty, results in students willing to take intellectual risks, their curiosity sparked through the mentorship they receive and the unique culture of engaged discourse that exists here.

Emory practices an inquiry-driven, hands-on approach to education rooted in the classroom, laboratory, library, and archives—but also in area high schools, community

centers, and nonprofits in Atlanta, nationally, and globally. Their tradition of social responsibility encourages students to give back to their communities, with 83 percent of seniors having participated in volunteer service during their time at the institution.

Emory offers an academic experience where students discover a culture of open and civil discourse, develop the confidence to confront difficult questions, work closely with academic experts, and connect with a set of peers as diverse as the world around them. Emory students are more qualified, as well as more economically and internationally diverse, than ever before in our history. They come from all 50 states and more than 100 countries, and they speak 80 languages other than English at home or as a first language.

Emory is located on a beautiful campus in [Atlanta](#), Georgia's historic Druid Hills neighborhood.

Nomination and Application Process

Emory University is conducting a confidential search with the support of Greenwood/Asher Associates. For more information about the process and to submit nominations and/or application materials, please contact:

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Applications should include:

- CV
- Letter of interest
- Links to top three representative publications
- Targeted statement (up to 1000 words) on the role of the ethics of AI in a university setting and the major challenges and opportunities for the field. Statements should be prepared for a preliminary blind review by the search advisory committee and thus should avoid immediately identifiable references.
- Potential (semi)finalists may be contacted for references and evidence of strong teaching as available

For full consideration, applicant materials should ideally be received by the priority deadline of January 31, 2022.

Emory Supports a Diverse and Inclusive Culture

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