The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice (SCCJ) and the National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education (NCITE) Center at the University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO) invites applications for an open rank tenure-track faculty position in SCCJ. The anticipated start date is August 2021. Candidates must hold a Ph.D. in Criminology, Criminal Justice, or a related field. ABD candidates who anticipate earning their degree prior to August 2021 will also be considered. Candidates should demonstrate their potential for, or achievement in, developing a nationally recognized research agenda in the realm of United States counterterrorism and national security studies (sub areas of particular interest include race and/or immigration, mass casualty violence, policing, corrections and reentry, program evaluation, and/or social network analysis) and a commitment to excellence in teaching and mentoring of undergraduates, graduate students, and post-doctoral candidates. We are particularly interested in scholars with a commitment to, and track record of, promoting diversity, equity and inclusion in the realms of research, teaching and/or service. At UNO, we recognize the intrinsic relationship between diversity and excellence in all our endeavors and embrace open and equitable access to opportunities for learning and development as our obligation and goal.

The successful candidate is expected to develop a research project on Homeland Security for the NCITE Center within their first year. They are also expected to establish and maintain a world-class extramurally-funded research program and productive collaborations with government partners through the NCITE Center, a federally funded DHS Center of Excellence at UNO. Other duties include teaching and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students, and providing departmental, university, and professional service. To apply, submit: an application letter, CV, and Statement of Research on counterterrorism and national security studies to the UNO Human Resources website (https://unomaha.peopleadmin.com/postings/11512). This research statement should include a short description (no more than two paragraphs) of a research project you would propose for the NCITE Center in your first year. This statement should describe the Homeland Security problem you would solve, potential method you would use, and likely DHS components your project would support). Direct inquires about the search to: Dr. Tara Richards, Search Committee Chair (tararichards@unomaha.edu). Review of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applicants must hold a Ph.D. at the time of the appointment.

About the Position

As part of the Big Idea Initiative in Security and Intelligence Studies, The University of Nebraska Omaha is conducting a cluster-hire for five tenure-track faculty who will extend and build our current nationally visible program in counterterrorism research and homeland security workforce development. The goal of this cluster hire initiative is to recruit a diverse set of collaborative faculty focused on excellence in research, teaching, and service in terrorism prevention, counterterrorism research, and homeland security studies from a wide range of disciplines and areas of expertise. These faculty will join the National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, & Education (NCITE) Center, one of ten federally-designated Centers of Excellence from The Department of Homeland Security to conduct high impact, applied scholarly research for their respective academic units. These positions are open to faculty who have a track record of extramural funding and scholarly articles in their relevant disciplines and
can contribute to the mission of NCITE. Candidates will join academic units across nationally ranked programs in The College of Information Science and Technology, The College of Business Administration, The College of Public Affairs and Community Service, and The College of Arts and Sciences. Faculty appointments are available in IT Innovation, Management, IO Psychology, Political Science, Criminology and Criminal Justice, and other departments depending on expertise.

The NCITE Center will provide cutting edge research, academic, and workforce development programs for counterterrorism professionals across the Homeland Security Enterprise through a 10-year Cooperative Agreement between UNO and DHS Science and Technology, Office of University Programs. The NCITE Center is an interdisciplinary, federally funded DHS Center of Excellence housed in the new addition of Mammel Hall, home to the College of Business Administration, on UNO’s vibrant Scott Campus in Omaha’s entrepreneurial Aksarben Neighborhood. Learn more about the NCITE Center at www.unomaha.edu/ncite

SCCJ is a nationally recognized Ph.D. granting program with courses offered on the Omaha and Lincoln campuses in the University of Nebraska system. This position is assigned to the Omaha campus. We offer degrees at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral level. SCCJ has approximately 900 majors and 100 graduate students at the Masters and Doctoral level. SCCJ has excellent resources to support faculty research, strong ties to local and state criminal justice agencies, and houses the legislatively funded Nebraska Center for Justice Research, and the Juvenile Justice Institute. The typical teaching load for research active faculty is two classes per semester (2/2).

UNO is a premier metropolitan university and has been designated a Doctoral Granting Research University by the Carnegie Foundation. Located in the heart of Omaha adjacent to city parks and thriving neighborhoods, the UNO campus has a growing student population with more than 15,000 students. New student housing, ongoing expansion and renovation of buildings, and strong NCAA Division I sports add to a rich campus life firmly rooted in strong university-community partnerships.

Omaha is a dynamic and energetic city with approximately 1 million people residing in the metropolitan area. A strong economy coupled with a lower than average cost of living make it one of the 15 best affordable places to live in the US in 2019. Excellent schools, numerous cultural events, outdoor activities, and an active riverfront and downtown area highlight the strong community spirit of this Midwest gem.

UNO and SCCJ are committed to diversity among faculty and staff. The University of Nebraska does not discriminate based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, and/or political affiliation in its programs, activities, or employment.