

Bloomberg Centennial Department Chair, Environmental Health and Engineering
The Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Whiting School of Engineering
Johns Hopkins University

The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (BSPH) and the Whiting School of Engineering (WSE) invite applications for the Bloomberg Centennial Chair of the Department of Environmental Health and Engineering (EHE). The Chair will lead this nationally unique department that bridges public health and engineering to translate discoveries from bench science through policy and practice into measurable gains in human and environmental health. We seek a dynamic, transparent, scholar-leader who can inspire broadly and further amplify EHE's impact.

EHE is powered by 51 tenure-line and 61 non-tenure-line faculty, 34 postdocs, 44 staff, and degree programs serving 75 doctoral, 104 EHE master's, approximately 800 MPH master's students, and 40 undergraduate engineering students. EHE is a people-centered engine for public impact, a global leader that integrates biological, physical, clinical, and population sciences to prevent disease and protect communities. Our faculty-driven centers convert discovery into policy and practice - from the Center for a Livable Future advancing healthy, equitable food systems (a first-of-its-kind center, 1996), to the Center for Health Security shaping preparedness and response, to the Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing redefining humane science (founded 1981). EHE's culture of collaboration, evidence-based advocacy, and real-world translation has delivered impact locally and globally, and is the platform the next Chair will leverage.

Even as academic institutions face headwinds and the discourse around public health and environmental protection is contested, this is a moment for builders, not bystanders. At Johns Hopkins – the nation's first research university, home to the largest school of public health and a top-ranked environmental health department with a legacy of modernizing water and environmental systems – EHE offers a platform to redefine how science and engineering become community health, policy, and practice. To rally people and resources across this distinctive platform, the University seeks a leader with vision, energy, and emotional intelligence.

EHE seeks a recognized scholar with the vision and administrative experience to inspire and grow a cross-divisional department. The ideal candidate will be an inspiring and transparent communicator, with an interest in mentoring faculty, enabling staff, inspiring trainees, and fostering shared governance. In addition, we seek a builder who can strengthen programs and partnerships across the JHU schools (BSPH and WSE), as well as with centers, and EHE's myriad external stakeholders. Candidates must have the academic qualifications to be a tenured full professor in the department, including an earned PhD in a relevant field. The new Chair will hold an endowed Centennial professorship for a five-year term, anticipated to start in 2026.

How to apply / nominate:

Johns Hopkins has engaged [Opus Partners](#) (Craig Smith, Senior Partner; Jeffrey Stafford, Senior Associate). Please contact **Jeffrey Stafford** (jeffrey.stafford@opuspartners.net) with a CV, cover letter addressed to the search chair (Professor Benjamin Schafer), and three references (contacted only at short-list stage).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR INTERESTED CANDIDATES**The Department**

EHE is a people-centered department with entrepreneurial faculty, excellent educators, and dedicated staff. It delivers pioneering interdisciplinary research, innovative education, and translational practice that enhance human health and environmental sustainability across the natural, built, and social environments. EHE educates and empowers students and fellows to translate evidence into technologies, practices, and policies that improve environmental health. The department's researchers identify and map environmental stressors and exposures, elucidate mechanisms from molecules to populations, and develop technologies and prevention tools that improve environmental quality. EHE faculty and students study ecosystems and their services and examine society-environment interactions to support policies that promote human development while preserving environmental quality. The department's [centers and institutes](#) foster collaboration across these themes, connecting faculty and students from EHE, the Bloomberg and Whiting schools, and other University divisions. The department operates at significant scale with approximately \$84 million in 2025–2026 revenue (inclusive of the affiliated centers and institutes).

Appointment terms

EHE faculty, including the department Chair, have their primary appointment in either BSPH or WSE and may teach in degree programs anchored in one school or the other (or both). The annual compensation range for the role is \$350K-\$430K, to be structured through negotiation with the deans. This salary range represents the minimum and maximum salaries for this position and is based on Johns Hopkins University's good faith belief at the time of posting. Not all candidates will be eligible for the upper end of the salary range. The actual compensation offered to the selected candidate may vary and will ultimately depend on multiple factors, which may include the successful candidate's geographic location, skills, work experience, internal equity, market conditions, education/training, and other factors, as reasonably determined by the University. The deans of the Bloomberg School and the Whiting School will negotiate the salary and other aspects of the Chair's employment such as startup package and teaching responsibilities directly with the selected candidate.

Application process and additional institutional information

To apply for the role, learn more about the opportunity, or provide a nomination, please contact Jeffrey.stafford@opuspartners.net. To apply, candidates should provide the following:

- A current curriculum vitae
- A cover letter addressed to [Benjamin Schafer](#), Search Committee Chair
- The names, titles, institutional affiliations, and email addresses of three references who will be contacted only when the search enters the on-campus short-list stage

The cover letter should thoughtfully address why candidates are attracted to the department chair position, what attributes and experiences align them with the desired characteristics for the position and make them a competitive candidate, and how their past record, current actions, and future

plans will contribute to the impact of the department as well as to the mission and values of the Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Whiting School of Engineering.

The Bloomberg School of Public Health

The Bloomberg School of Public Health (BSPH) holds a prominent position as the leading institution in the country, boasting 80 research centers and institutes engaged in projects in over 180 countries.

Founded as the School of Hygiene and Public Health in 1916, the School became the Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2001 after a transformative gift from Hopkins alumnus and former NYC mayor Michael Bloomberg. BSPH is now the largest school of public health in the U.S.

Guided by its [vision](#) of “protecting health, saving lives—millions at a time,” BSPH houses 10 academic departments and approximately 930 primary and 980 affiliated faculty. The School offers graduate and professional degrees. In partnership with other Hopkins divisions, it also offers dual undergraduate and master’s degrees. Current student enrollment exceeds 3,100. *US News and World Report* has ranked BSPH the #1 school of public health every year since 1994. In FY2025, revenues from all sources totaled \$732M.

The School is supported by multiple revenue streams, and its response to the changing priorities of the federal government is still developing. However, with its remarkable scale and impact, BSPH is resolved to continue to advance its mission: “The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health is dedicated to the improvement of health for all people through the discovery, dissemination, and translation of knowledge, and the education of a diverse global community of research scientists, public health professionals, and others in positions to advance the public’s health.”

The Whiting School of Engineering

Founded in 1913 and renamed after a gift by alumnus George William Carlyle Whiting in 1979, the Whiting School of Engineering houses a current undergraduate student body of almost 2,000 students. WSE has an enrollment of almost 1,500 full-time MS students and 1,400 full-time PhD students. Its Engineering for Professionals program enrolls over 6,000 part-time continuing education students and is one of the largest programs of its kind in the country. In addition to seven departments fully housed in the School, WSE is the joint home of EHE and, with the School of Medicine, of Biomedical Engineering.

The Whiting School of Engineering, including the engineering programs in collaboration with the schools of public health and of medicine, comprises over 500 full time faculty members in nine academic programs with total annual research expenditures of over \$300 million. Just under 250 faculty members hold tenure or are on the tenure-track in the WSE. Research partnerships with the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Applied Physics Laboratory (APL), Bloomberg School of Public Health, and the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences make the Whiting School of Engineering a highly collaborative research and educational environment.

WSE has steadily increased its impact and standing over the last decade. In the 2025 *US News & World Report* ranking of engineering schools, it is number 13.

The Johns Hopkins University

The Johns Hopkins University has an unrivaled set of Schools and Laboratories with deep and globally consequential domain knowledge. It is one of the world's premier research universities: with annual research expenditures of over \$2.6 billion, it attracts more federal sponsored funding than any other American university, while at the same time enjoying diversity of revenue from foundations, tuition, states, corporate and other sources.

The University encompasses 11 schools/divisions: the Schools of Education, Medicine, Nursing, the Bloomberg School of Public Health, the Whiting School of Engineering, the Zanvyl Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, the Carey Business School, the Peabody Institute, the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, the School for Government and Policy, and the Applied Physics Laboratory, as well as multiple centers, institutes, and affiliates. Currently, Hopkins has approximately 5,600 enrolled undergraduate students, and more than 20,000 full-time and part-time graduate students. The University offers approximately 230 degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels.

The Homewood campus, site of the schools of Education, Arts and Sciences, and Engineering, is located in north Baltimore. Just a few miles away, the East Baltimore campus is home to the schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health, as well as The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Additional University locations include sites in downtown Baltimore, Montgomery County, MD., and Washington, D.C., as well as the Applied Physics Lab campus in Howard County, MD. In addition, the University has a strong international presence, including, but not limited to, centers in Nanjing, China, and Bologna, Italy.

Johns Hopkins Medicine is a \$10 billion integrated global health enterprise with more than 40,000 full-time faculty and staff members operating six academic and community hospitals. The Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) is the largest not-for-profit university-affiliated research center in the nation. Collaboration across the University offers some of the strongest possible avenues for achieving excellence at Hopkins, and they factor deeply in the University's strategic thinking.

Data about the success of Hopkins students is available [here](#).

Additional information

Equal Opportunity Employer

The Johns Hopkins University is committed to equal opportunity for its faculty, staff, and students. To that end, the University does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, marital status, pregnancy, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, veteran status, or other legally protected characteristic. The University is committed to providing qualified individuals with access to all academic and employment programs, benefits, and activities on the basis of demonstrated ability, performance, and merit without regard to personal factors that are irrelevant to the program involved.

Pre-Employment Information

If you are interested in applying for employment with The Johns Hopkins University and require special assistance or accommodation during any part of the pre-employment process, please contact the HR Business Services Office at jhurecruitment@jhu.edu. For TTY users, call via Maryland

Relay or dial 711. For more information about workplace accommodations or accessibility at Johns Hopkins University, please visit accessibility.jhu.edu.

Background Checks, References, and Tenure

The successful candidate for the EHE Chair position should expect to provide a full list of professional references and will be subject to pre-employment education and employment verifications. In addition, appointment to the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University is contingent upon a criminal background check and a [separate review](#) that looks back a period of seven years of professional conduct.

Total Rewards

Johns Hopkins offers a total rewards package that supports its employees' health, life, career, and retirement. More information is available at <https://hr.jhu.edu/benefits-worklife/>.