



A. JAMES CLARK  
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

**Chair**  
**Department of Aerospace Engineering**  
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK  
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The University of Maryland's A. James Clark School of Engineering is seeking an accomplished, nationally recognized leader and administrator to direct its Department of Aerospace Engineering. The Chair provides oversight, research, education, and administrative leadership for the department, and reports directly to the Dean of the A. James Clark School of Engineering.

The Clark School's Department of Aerospace Engineering consistently ranks in the top 15 aerospace engineering programs in the country, in both graduate and undergraduate programs, and offers a collegial, supportive environment in which students, faculty, and researchers can thrive. The Department is home to an internationally recognized multidisciplinary research center, the Alfred Gessow Rotorcraft Center, and unique facilities, such as the Neutral Buoyancy Research Facility, the Glenn L. Martin Wind Tunnel, and the University of Maryland Unmanned Aircraft Systems Test Site. Department faculty are also active in The Maryland Robotics Center (MRC) and the Maryland Energy Innovation Institute (MEII). The undergraduate innovation and entrepreneurship programs at the University are ranked in the top 10 in Entrepreneurship Magazine.

The University is located close to NASA, DARPA, ONR, AFOSR, and many other funding agencies. The Department has strong research ties with government research labs, such as NAVAIR, NSWC, NASA Goddard, NRL, ARL/APG, as well as corporations and start-ups. The Washington DC area has three major airports and a vibrant culture, is reachable by metro, and the region has primary and secondary schools that are among the best in the nation. The University is committed to attracting and retaining outstanding and diverse faculty and staff who will enhance our stature of preeminence in the three missions of teaching, scholarship, and full engagement in our community, the state of Maryland, and the world.

The major responsibilities of the department chair include the following:

- Recruits, develops, and retains productive and diverse faculty, supports and promotes excellence in faculty research and educational endeavors, encourages and guides mentorship of faculty, conducts assessments of faculty and staff;
- Fosters a supportive, collaborative, and inclusive learning and research environment for faculty, staff, and students;
- Provides effective management of budgetary and departmental resources; ensures compliance with collegiate, university, state, and federal policies related to grant funding, legislative, and academic policies;
- Works collaboratively with multiple stakeholders to develop and execute the department's vision and strategic plan, integrate the department's vision, plan, and goals with those of the college and university, and promote the department by engaging alumni, industrial representatives, and the broader community.

The Chair is a senior member of the University of Maryland faculty, selected and appointed by the University to a five-year renewable term. Candidates must have earned a doctorate in engineering or a closely related field and qualify for appointment as a tenured full professor; possess strong leadership ability including demonstrated academic leadership; and have achieved international prominence for contributions to their field.

To apply, submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a vision statement, a statement of research (up to 4 pages), a statement of teaching philosophy, a DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) statement, and the contact information for four references.

**Applications should be received by March 4, 2022 for best consideration;** however, the search will continue until the position is filled. Materials should be submitted through eTerp at this link: <https://ejobs.umd.edu/postings/91582>. Questions can be directed to the search committee chair: W.E. Bentley, Distinguished University Professor, [bentley@umd.edu](mailto:bentley@umd.edu).

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Women and minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.**