

## **Michigan State University: Center for Anti-Counterfeiting and Product Protection**

- Rank: Director and Associate/Full Professor
- Start Date: August 16, 2018
- Salary: Negotiable
- Application Deadline: until a suitable candidate is identified

### *Institutional Summary*

The Center for Anti-Counterfeiting and Product Protection in the College of Social Science at Michigan State University (MSU) actively seeks a dynamic Director who is able to meaningfully contribute to promoting an environment in which individuals of differing perspectives, and cultural backgrounds pursue academic goals with mutual respect and shared inquiry. The successful candidate will be a tenured Senior Associate or Full Professor and will serve an initial five-year appointment as Director of the Center, beginning August 16, 2018. The Center is a self-supporting, interdisciplinary unit that conducts innovative research, delivers cutting-edge educational and executive training programs, and maintains partnerships with industry and government. The Center partners with a wide array of institutions and agencies to understand and combat the multidimensional problem of product counterfeiting. A global and dynamic center that enjoys considerable industry support, it is comprised of eight core faculty and staff, complemented by six industry and law enforcement fellows. The Center collaborates with numerous scholars from nationally-ranked disciplines at MSU, including those housed within the College of Social Science, the Broad College of Business, the College of Engineering, the College of Communication Arts and Sciences, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the College of Law. The Center is housed in the College of Social Science, a dynamic collection of academic disciplines conducting high quality research and education seeking to address the most pressing local, national and international issues. Founded in 1855, Michigan State University is *the* pioneer land-grant institution, is one of the top research universities in the world, and is home to a diverse community of dedicated students and scholars, athletes and artists, scientists and leaders. Please visit the Center website (<http://a-capp.msu.edu/>) for more specific information about its mission, activities, and partners.

### *Position Summary*

The successful applicant will be jointly appointed in an academic unit in the College of Social Science (for a list, see: <http://www.socialscience.msu.edu/>). In collaboration with faculty, academic professionals, support staff, and partners, the Director provides strategic guidance to the advancement and implementation of the Center's research agenda. The Director works with MSU and CSS leadership to execute the Center's mission and strategy, and leads its research, educational, and outreach activities. The Director will seek and secure external funding (including grants, contracts, sponsorships and gifts), as well as manage the fiscal health of the Center. The Director oversees and mentors a diverse range of staff and faculty, as well as organizes and guides interdisciplinary research teams. Additionally, the Director manages and maintains an active industry advisory board, develops and manages key internal and external partnerships, and regularly engages in local, national and international outreach activities. The Director serves as a leading figure in the scientific, industry, and/or government communities, while contributing to the overall mission of the University, College, Center and the academic unit where jointly appointed.

### *Required Qualifications*

- Ph.D. in a social science or closely related discipline
- Established scholar with a national/international reputation for high-quality research, and a record of scholarly activity commensurate with the rank of Senior Associate or Full Professor

- Substantive, theoretical, and methodological strengths that relate, or are applicable, to addressing the problem of product counterfeiting
- Demonstrated success in securing extramural funding and leading funded research projects
- Demonstrated success in an administrative or leadership capacity, such as having successfully led collaborative research, educational or outreach activities
- Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain effective internal and external partnerships with public, private, and non-profit sectors
- A history of interdisciplinary collaboration in research, education, or outreach activities

*Preferred Qualifications*

- Ability to identify and capitalize upon emerging opportunities for research
- Ability to generate interest and excitement for new ideas and engage relevant partners
- Ability to manage and maintain an active advisory board
- Experience developing and delivering practitioner-focused training/educational materials
- Ability to create an open, engaging, and collaborative work environment that cultivates and maintains an inclusive culture supportive of diversity in race and culture, as well as diversity of thought and experience

Review of applications will begin January 1, 2018 and continue until the position is filled. All application materials should be submitted electronically to MSU at <http://careers.msu.edu>. Reference posting #479902. Application materials must include: 1) letter of application that includes a description of candidate's professional experience, expertise, professional goals, research, and teaching philosophy, and a statement addressing how past and/or potential contributions to diversity/inclusion will advance MSU's commitment to inclusive excellence, 2) curriculum vitae, and 3) the names of three references. Inquiries may be directed to the chair of the search committee, Dr. Mary Finn at [mfinn@msu.edu](mailto:mfinn@msu.edu) or 517-355-2192.

MSU is located in East Lansing, MI, with easy access to the state capital, Lake Michigan, and great school districts. The University is pro-active in exploring opportunities for employment for dual career couples, both inside and outside the University. Information about MSU's dual career support can be found at <http://miwin.msu.edu/>

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