



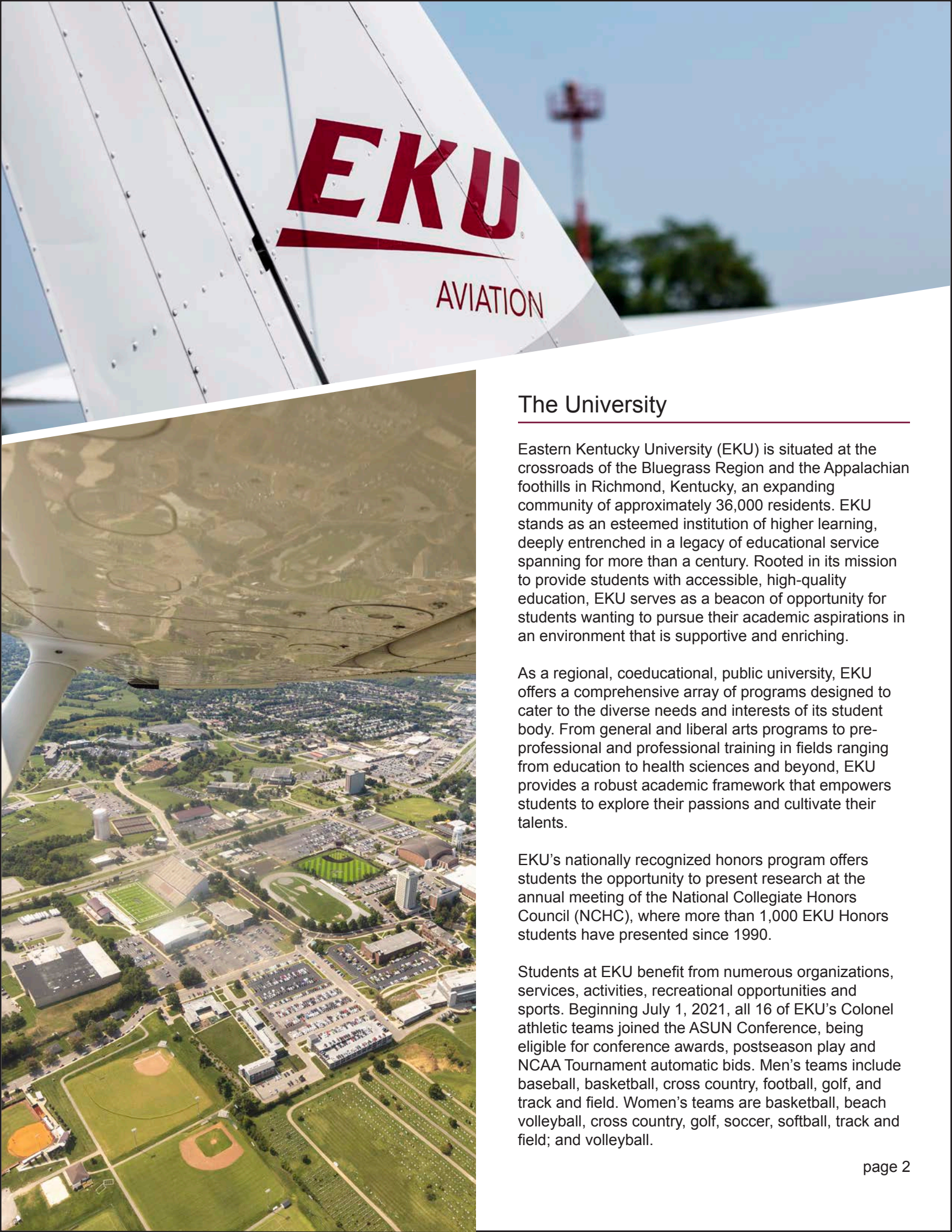
***EKU***

**SCHOOL OF AVIATION**

Eastern Kentucky University invites applications for  
Aviation Department Chair

Eastern Kentucky University (EKU)  
Richmond, Kentucky

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## The University

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Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) is situated at the crossroads of the Bluegrass Region and the Appalachian foothills in Richmond, Kentucky, an expanding community of approximately 36,000 residents. EKV stands as an esteemed institution of higher learning, deeply entrenched in a legacy of educational service spanning for more than a century. Rooted in its mission to provide students with accessible, high-quality education, EKV serves as a beacon of opportunity for students wanting to pursue their academic aspirations in an environment that is supportive and enriching.

As a regional, coeducational, public university, EKV offers a comprehensive array of programs designed to cater to the diverse needs and interests of its student body. From general and liberal arts programs to pre-professional and professional training in fields ranging from education to health sciences and beyond, EKV provides a robust academic framework that empowers students to explore their passions and cultivate their talents.

EKV's nationally recognized honors program offers students the opportunity to present research at the annual meeting of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC), where more than 1,000 EKV Honors students have presented since 1990.

Students at EKV benefit from numerous organizations, services, activities, recreational opportunities and sports. Beginning July 1, 2021, all 16 of EKV's Colonel athletic teams joined the ASUN Conference, being eligible for conference awards, postseason play and NCAA Tournament automatic bids. Men's teams include baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, and track and field. Women's teams are basketball, beach volleyball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, track and field; and volleyball.

## The University (*continued*)

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With over 100 degree programs housed within six colleges—the College of Business, the College of Education and Applied Human Sciences, the College of Health Sciences, the College of Justice, Safety, and Military Sciences, the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences, and the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics—students at ECU are afforded ample opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration and academic growth.

Embracing a student-centered approach, the university prioritizes high-quality instruction, personalized support services for students and experiential learning opportunities that foster intellectual curiosity, critical thinking and civic engagement. Through initiatives such as ECU BookSmart, which provides free textbooks to all degree-seeking students, and the Exceptional Eastern Experience (E3), offering a multifaceted college experience through immersive events and activities, ECU endeavors to support and encourage students to achieve their full potential both inside and outside the classroom.

The university has a highly qualified faculty committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship, and service. These scholars have chosen to pursue their careers at ECU because they love to teach and engage students in the learning process. ECU employs nearly 2,500 full- and part-time faculty and staff, making it one of the largest employers in the local community.

The Richmond campus, often referred to as “The Campus Beautiful,” serves as a hub of academic activity and community engagement. Encompassing picturesque landscapes and state-of-the-art facilities, the campus provides an inspiring backdrop for learning, research and collaboration. A testament to ECU’s commitment to campus revitalization, recent enhancements to the university include the addition of a student fitness and wellness center, a cutting-edge science building—the largest of its kind in Kentucky— and renovated residence halls and dining facilities, all aimed towards enhancing the student experience and promoting a culture of academic excellence.

More information on ECU here: [ECU](#)





## Our Community

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Beyond the confines of the campus, the city of Richmond offers opportunities for exploration and enrichment to members of the community. Alongside the Bluegrass region's scenic beauty and the Appalachian foothills' historic significance, Richmond provides rich cultural, recreational and historical attractions for all. From shopping malls and theaters to live entertainment venues and fine dining establishments, the city boasts a thriving, engaging community life. Richmond has well-established neighborhoods and affordable housing. The area offers both public and private elementary, middle and high schools.

Additionally, Richmond's proximity to major highways, including Interstates I-75 and I-64, facilitates easy access to metropolitan areas such as Lexington, Cincinnati and Louisville, further enriching the university experience with diverse cultural and professional opportunities. Lexington, Kentucky, known as the "Horse Capital of the World," is less than a 30-minute drive from campus, offering an easy commute for those who wish to live in a larger city or who want to take advantage of additional entertainment and cultural opportunities. With a population of more than 300,000, Lexington hosts numerous cultural events, fairs, sporting events, and horse racing and equestrian events. The city is home to Fortune 500 companies, Keeneland horse racetrack, and a variety of restaurants, bars and coffee shops, among other attractions. With its bustling city center, abundant natural landscapes and proximity to historical landmarks such as Fort Boonesborough State Park, Richmond serves as an ideal setting for students to immerse themselves in a dynamic blend of academic rigor and cultural heritage.

Looking into Richmond's storied past unveils a narrative steeped in resilience, innovation and cultural significance. From its origins as a frontier settlement founded by Revolutionary War pioneers to its pivotal role in shaping Kentucky's social and political landscape during the Civil War era, Richmond embodies a spirit of perseverance and progress that continues to resonate with residents and visitors alike.

## The Position

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The Chair of the School of Aviation at Eastern Kentucky University holds a pivotal role in ensuring the program's professional responsibility, integrity, and strategic execution. They collaborate closely with the College of Justice, Safety & Military Science and the university's executive leadership to advocate for and promote the Aviation Program within the local, state, and national aviation community. With concentrations in Professional Flight, Aerospace Management, Aerospace Technology, and an emerging focus on Unmanned Aircraft Systems, the Chair orchestrates the integration of diverse disciplines into the aviation curriculum, enhancing teaching methodologies, laboratory experiences, and delivery methods.

Instructional responsibilities include teaching one class per semester while overseeing faculty and staff within the program. Cultivating professional relationships within the aviation industry, exploring donor support, and identifying opportunities for program growth and enhancement are essential aspects of the role. The Chair spearheads efforts in student recruitment and retention, devises marketing strategies, and adapts to the evolving demands and trends of the aviation sector.

Resource management is another critical aspect, encompassing the acquisition and maintenance of aircraft, training devices, parts, fuel, and materials to meet program demands. The Chair takes charge of planning, developing, and maintaining accountability for departmental expenditures and budgets while fostering a culture of safety and compliance throughout the program. This multifaceted role requires a blend of leadership, industry knowledge, strategic thinking, and dedication to the advancement of aviation education and practice.

View more information on the Aviation Program here: [EKU Aviation Program](#)





## Preferred Qualifications

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- Education – Master’s degree in Aviation, Aerospace Management, Unmanned Aircraft Systems or a related field from an accredited or internationally recognized institution is strongly desired. Demonstrated skills and abilities in discipline may substitute for education.
- Experience – Three (3) years of business and related administration of program or field
- License and Certifications – Certified Pilot’s license (Private, Instrument, Commercial, Multi-Engine and CFI) strongly desirable but not required. Certified Flight Instruction with instrument (CFI-I) and multi-engine (MEI) rating and/or ATP adds value and is a plus. Equivalent experience working with pilots, flight schools, corporate, military or commercial flight activity is acceptable.

## Salary and Benefits

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The starting salary range for the position is \$125,000 - \$135,000. An attractive benefits package is provided – see [link](#).

## How To Apply

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To apply online, [click here](#).

**Deadline for applications: August 4, 2024**

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