Old Dominion University seeks an accomplished leader as the founding Executive Director of the newly-created Strome Entrepreneurial Center. The Center has been established with a major gift from the Strome Family Foundation and will serve as the focal point for an enhanced emphasis on entrepreneurship at Old Dominion University. Reporting to the Provost of the University, the successful candidate will be expected to lead the Strome Center in advancing entrepreneurial activities across all of the six academic colleges of the University. He or she will have proven initiative and experience in the entrepreneurial environment, familiarity with the cultivation of student entrepreneurs, and an in-depth understanding of educational program development. A Master’s degree and administrative experience in higher education are preferred. Responsibilities will include program development to educate students on the basics of creating a startup and the creation of a culture on campus that encourages students and faculty to pursue commercialization of their ideas.

Old Dominion University is a dynamic, public Carnegie Doctoral Research-Extensive University that serves its students and enriches the Commonwealth of Virginia, the nation and the world through rigorous academic programs, strategic partnerships, and active civic engagement. Situated in the metropolitan Hampton Roads region of coastal Virginia, the University’s current student enrollment is 25,000 students with more than 5,000 graduate students and nearly 1,500 international students. In addition to its more than 70 undergraduate and almost 100 graduate programs that are offered at the Norfolk campus, more than 70 complete degree programs are offered via distance learning modalities to sites around Virginia and across the nation. Norfolk was recently named a ‘Best City for Entrepreneurship’ by Entrepreneur Magazine, and the Hampton Roads region as a whole is experiencing a tremendous surge in entrepreneurship with the development of a very exciting entrepreneurial culture.

The Position Profile for this position is available at www.odu.edu/acadaffairs. Candidates should submit a letter of interest that addresses the main qualifications and expectations in the Position Profile, a comprehensive resume, and the names of at least 3 professional references with email and phone numbers (references will be contacted only with the permission of the candidate) to the Chair of the Search Committee attention of Ms. Judy Bowman jbowman@odu.edu, phone (757) 683-3260. The first review of applications will begin on May 1, 2014, but applications will be received until the position is filled. The start date for the position is flexible, but it
is expected the successful candidate will be in place as Executive Director by September 1, 2014.

Old Dominion University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution and requires compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.