



A. JAMES CLARK
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

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Dear Engineering Alumni,

Provost Nariman Farvardin has appointed me to be Chair, Search Committee for the Dean of the A. James Clark School of Engineering. His charge is that we perform a national search, including faculty at Maryland, and possibly international individuals of special merit. Our committee has two major responsibilities: to search for outstanding candidates, to evaluate them and recommend 3—5 candidates for Provost Farvardin's consideration.

Our committee will be proactive and will consider outstanding individuals possibly out of the norm who can be appointed Professor with tenure in an engineering discipline. Thus, not only are chairs of outstanding engineering schools potential individuals for the position, but individuals who may have been National Directors of major laboratories or distinguished individuals in industry who have run major engineering activities.

It is important that Maryland continues to have outstanding Deans such as George Dieter, Bill Destler and Nariman Farvardin for the Engineering School so that we may continue our momentum and become among the top ten Engineering Schools in the country. Having been chair of the search committee that recommended Provost Farvardin for the Dean's position in 1999, my committee and I are looking for someone with the same drive, integrity, knowledge and skills that Provost Farvardin possesses. To do this, my committee needs the assistance of the alumni to help us identify outstanding individuals of the caliber we need for the position. Without your assistance, it will make our task harder.

Attached with this message is a [Position Announcement](#). Please feel free to publicize the Position Announcement. Please inform me or a committee member you know of any individuals you believe are outstanding prospects for the position that our committee should pursue. The committee looks forward to your participation leading to a successful search.

Sincerely,
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