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**Founding Director of the USJ Learning Center
University School of Jackson
Jackson, Tennessee**

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Southern Teachers is assisting University School of Jackson as it seeks a Founding Director of the USJ Learning Center, an incredible opportunity for someone with an entrepreneurial spirit and a passion for helping students with learning differences. Reporting directly to the Head of School as a member of the administrative team, the Director will develop the Learning Center's mission and vision and build it from the ground up, to include a start-up budget and hiring of qualified instructors to serve USJ students in lower, middle, and upper school.

The Director will collaborate with grade-level teachers to provide appropriate activities or suggest learning strategies for Learning Center students in regular classrooms, supporting teachers of LC students in all academic areas. He or she will monitor and facilitate classroom and testing accommodations and will serve as caseload manager for students receiving LC support, which will entail developing and implementing Student Action Plans, scheduling and attending parent meetings regarding instructional objectives and placement decisions as needed. Meetings will occur no fewer than twice each academic year for each Learning Center student. The Director will lead school-wide staff development activities to promote best practices for students with varied learning styles and will participate in regularly-held internal meetings regarding student progress and placement.

Candidates must have backgrounds and experience teaching students with learning needs, thorough understanding of learning differences, and experience providing appropriate individualized instruction. The Director must have excellent organizational skills, flexibility, and a willingness to collaborate as part of a team. Preference will be given to candidates with multisensory instruction or reading intervention experience and advanced degrees in special education.

Founded in 1970, University School of Jackson focuses on preparing students for college, attracting students from throughout West Tennessee, some traveling an hour or more each day. From its developmental curriculum in prekindergarten to its Upper School AP courses, USJ focuses on the needs of the individual student, providing the environment and opportunity for each student to develop his or her potential in academics, athletics, fine arts, and leadership. Students routinely win top awards in regional and state academic, athletic, and fine arts competitions. They enroll at USJ for its excellent academics and extensive extracurricular programs that allow a high level of participation. USJ prepares students for the most academically selective colleges and scholarship opportunities. Students are accepted at colleges of their choice—95% entering four-year institutions and 5% attending two-year colleges—and they soon see that they are well prepared for success.

To apply, please complete the online [Application](#) to become a **Southern Teachers Candidate** and submit a cover letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for this position, which begins in July 2017.