



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY™

Provost and Executive Vice President

Mississippi State University (www.msstate.edu) invites applications and nominations for the position of Provost and Executive Vice President. The largest university in the state and the flagship research institution, MSU is a comprehensive land grant university with high-research activity classification. With enrollment of 14,602 undergraduates and 3,999 graduate and first professional students, MSU draws about three-fourths of its students from Mississippi, but every state and more than 70 countries are represented in the student body.

As chief academic officer and the second-ranking university administrator, this individual reports to the President and acts as institutional executive officer in the President's absence. Supporting President Mark Keenum in exercising his primary responsibilities for university strategic planning and for defining and articulating MSU's role, mission and vision, the Provost and Executive Vice President assists directly in overall management of the University and coordinates the activities of other vice presidents on matters related to MSU's academic mission.

The successful candidate in this highly competitive national search will lead institutional efforts in pursuit of academic excellence and provide direct oversight for academic colleges (College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, including the School of Human Sciences; College of Architecture, Art, and Design; College of Arts and Sciences; College of Business, including the Adkerson School of Accountancy; College of Education; Bagley College of Engineering, including the Swalm School of Chemical Engineering; College of Forest Resources and College of Veterinary Medicine) and campuses as well as academic and support units including the Graduate School, University Libraries, Academic Outreach and Continuing Education, Shackouls Honors College, Registrar, Information Technology Services, University Academic Advising Center, Center for Teaching and Learning, Center for Institutional Effectiveness, and Institutional Research. (Detailed position profile and challenges/opportunities description can be found at <http://www.academic-search.com/uploads/profiles/MSUProfileFinal.pdf>)

The main MSU campus is in Starkville (www.cityofstarkville.org), a picturesque and welcoming Southern city of 24,000 in north central Mississippi which boasts an extremely affordable housing market and a rich array of arts, cultural and recreational amenities. Known for a thriving calendar of sports events, the MSU Bulldogs compete at the Division I level in the legendary

Southeastern Conference, with seven intercollegiate sports for men and nine for women. Starkville offers a unique blend of Southern charm and 21st century technology, with a thriving economy supported by a strong base of manufacturing and small businesses as well as state-of-the-art research and technology companies.

The Search Advisory Committee seeks candidates with: terminal degree appropriate to the individual's discipline; record of excellence in research, teaching, and professional service that merits appointment as a tenured professor at MSU; appreciation and understanding of the multiple missions of a comprehensive land-grant university; administrative experience, having risen through the ranks – e.g. department chair, dean – with a clear understanding of issues and challenges facing 21st century academic communities; thorough knowledge of promotion and tenure issues; demonstrated skills in fiscal management and budgeting, resource development and resource allocation; demonstrated commitment to diversity; innovative and progressive leadership skills and proven record as a consensus builder; record of successful academic entrepreneurship and talent for building innovative collaborations with public/private entities; versatile, successful communication skills; and the ability to utilize fresh marketing strategies to grow enrollment and meet infrastructure requirements.

The Search Advisory Committee will begin review of candidate materials in late January, with initial interviews in mid-February. Inquiries will be considered in confidence. Inquiries, nominations, applications – to include detailed letter of interest (not exceeding five pages) reflecting on the desired attributes, CV and email/telephone contacts for five references – should be electronically submitted via MS Word or Adobe pdf to MSUProvost@academic-search.com. The search is assisted by:

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