

PROVOST

THE COLLEGE OF

WOOSTER

The College of Wooster seeks a Provost with an outstanding record of creative academic leadership, scholarship, and undergraduate teaching and a demonstrated passion for liberal learning to serve this liberal arts college, distinguished for its extensive commitment to undergraduate research. The new Provost will assume office in summer 2010.

Founded in 1866, The College of Wooster is an independent, residential liberal arts college in Wooster, Ohio offering a rigorous and comprehensive education to prepare students for a lifetime of inquiry, discovery, and responsible global citizenship. The values of co-education, racial and ethnic diversity, a global perspective, and rich academic and student life traditions continue to prevail in its mission and goals. The College is nationally recognized for an innovative curriculum that emphasizes independent learning. The Independent Study Program, capstone of the Wooster curriculum for well over half a century, provides *every* student with the opportunity to work closely with a faculty member in completing an extended senior thesis or project in his or her chosen area of study. Wooster's 1860 students choose from forty-four traditional academic majors and seven interdepartmental majors. The 138-member faculty of active teacher-scholars takes pride in working collaboratively with students, mentoring them to achieve high standards of research and inquiry. With a current endowment of \$230 million, The College of Wooster is dedicated to providing support for student aid and continuous enrichment of its academic programs.

The ideal candidate will possess a vision of liberal education that integrates traditional values with a contemporary understanding of the role of diversity, global engagement, and technology; a thorough understanding of the symbiotic relationship of teaching and scholarship in undergraduate education; a desire to collaborate with faculty and staff and dedication to facilitating their work; a deep commitment to the intellectual, ethical, and personal development of undergraduate students; the ability to address creatively both curriculum development and resource allocation to meet changing program needs; and an open communication style that encourages innovative ideas and collaboration of faculty, staff, and students throughout the institution to ensure continued progress and academic excellence for the College of Wooster. As a newly configured position, the Provost will provide oversight for: Dean for Faculty Development; Dean for Curriculum and Academic Engagement; Dean of Students; Director of Physical Education, Athletics, and Recreation; the Registrar, the Director of Libraries, and administrators that oversee Academic Administration, the Art Museum, and the Nursery School. In addition, the new position of Vice Provost for Diversity and Global Engagement, when staffed, will work with the Provost to address this essential component of the Wooster education.

Review of applications will begin this summer and will continue until an appointment is made. Applications should consist of the curriculum vitae, a cover letter addressing the criteria outlined above, and a list of five professional references with phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Nominations and expressions of interest, which will be treated in confidence, should be sent electronically (**MS Word**) to: woosterprovost@academic-search.com

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