

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

The University of Cincinnati invites applications and nominations for the position of Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. Reporting to the President, the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost serves on both the President's Cabinet and the President's Executive Committee.

— The University

The University of Cincinnati, Ohio's premier urban research university, traces its origins to 1819. In 1906, the University created the first cooperative education program in the world. In 1968, UC became a "municipally sponsored, state affiliated" institution, entering a transitional period culminating on July 1, 1977, when it joined the university system of Ohio. Today, UC is classified as a Research University (Very High Research Activity) by the Carnegie Commission and is ranked as one of America's top 25 public research universities by the National Science Foundation. UC jumped 17 spots in the U.S. News & World Report rankings in the past two years alone. In addition to being named a "green university" by Princeton Review, UC has been named one of the world's most beautiful campuses by Forbes and Delta Sky magazines.

— UC Fast Facts

- \$1.05 billion annual budget
- \$1.004 billion endowment
- \$418.3 million in external grants and contracts
- 42,421 students
- 15,938 faculty, staff and student workers
- 14 colleges
- 473 acres + 117 buildings

— The Position

The Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost of the University of Cincinnati (UC) serves as chief academic officer of the university. The Provost will be a scholar, having achieved excellence in his or her own right, and will provide leadership on all aspects of UC's mission in areas of teaching, research, scholarship, creative work, and service. The Provost will have a commitment to lead the university in its mission of faculty and student diversity, and understand the excellence of the colleges, programs and research within UC. The Provost will join a university on the move at a time in its history that is rich with opportunities that require confident leadership, visionary planning, teamwork and creative thinking to bring the University of Cincinnati to its fullest potential. The Provost serves as a member of the President's Cabinet and as an ex-officio member of the UC Foundation Board and the UC Board of Trustees.



— Key Responsibilities

The Provost must provide strong leadership in the fulfillment of the full breadth of the University's mission, which serves the people of Ohio, the nation, and the world. UC is a premier, public, urban research university, and the Provost will promote academic excellence, innovation, and community service across the complete range of programs and disciplines that makes the University of Cincinnati truly and distinctively unique. The Provost will formulate strategies as a key member of the university's leadership team in alignment with UC2019 – Accelerating Our Transformation, and the UC2019 Academic Master Plan.

Specifically, the Provost must concurrently:

- Articulate and advocate for academic priorities to assure the university's status as a world-class research and teaching institution;
- Champion academic excellence through collaboration with faculty, student leadership, and Deans across the full spectrum of UC's colleges and disciplines to support the university's unique blend of programming, help create new programs of distinction, and expand innovative approaches to teaching and research;
- Collaborate with the Deans, faculty leadership, and the President to expand and manage financial resources to support excellent teaching, research, and creative production (78% of the UC budget flows through the Provost's Office);
- Oversee processes that recruit and retain a superb faculty; in addition to recruit and support an outstanding student body;
- Demonstrate respect for faculty and shared-governance by working with the Faculty Senate and other faculty leadership groups;
- Encourage student participation in all aspects of campus life;
- Advance the University's globalization efforts; and
- Build and nurture a leading role in the University System of Ohio, as well as partnerships with local, national, and global communities.

— Minimum Qualifications

This person must possess an earned doctorate, terminal, or equivalent degree from an accredited institution. This person should possess a superior record of teaching and scholarship or professional attainment that merits appointment as a professor with tenure within one of UC's academic units.

The candidate should have a history of successful leadership across disciplines, experience in administrative positions of increasing responsibility, preferably at a major research university with diverse units similar to UC. This person may currently be a Provost or Dean at a major university.

This person should have a demonstrated record of maximizing and developing technical, financial, administrative, research and educational resources to create, maintain, advance and promote an excellent academic environment. Further, the candidate should have a demonstrated commitment to diversity and a proven track record of achieving diversity goals, and a history of working collaboratively with faculty.

— Credentials

The successful candidate should embody the following:

- A scholar in his or her own right who champions academic priorities;
- A motivator with a history of encouraging and inspiring individuals to strive toward excellence;
- A visionary who develops creative solutions and pursues innovative strategies;
- A leader who empowers others throughout the university to realize their goals in alignment with UC's strategic principles;
- A team-builder who fosters collaboration and enables individuals to work toward common goals;
- A professional with the utmost integrity; and
- A colleague with the energy, courage, heart, and a sense of humor to bring the University of Cincinnati to its next level.

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