



Leadership Statement for the position of Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

The University of Kansas invites applications for the position of Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for the Lawrence Campus. The university seeks an individual who has the personal and intellectual qualities to lead the Lawrence Campus, which includes the KU Edwards Campus in Overland Park.

The University

The University of Kansas is a major public research and teaching institution of 28,500 students, 2,600 faculty and 3,400 staff across five campuses, including KU Medical Center. KU comprises 13 schools, including the state's only schools of pharmacy and medicine, and offers more than 370 degree programs. The university's diverse community of students and faculty are united by KU's mission to educate leaders, build healthy communities, and make discoveries that change the world.

KU is a longstanding member of the Association of American Universities, and the National Science Foundation and the Carnegie Foundation both classify KU as a top research university. KU consistently earns high rankings for its academic offerings, including its 46 nationally ranked graduate programs. KU researchers conducted more than \$249 million in federally sponsored research last year, with strengths ranging from pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences to special education.

KU's overall enrollment has grown for five straight years, which includes freshman class growth in six of the previous seven years. During this time, KU has set all-time highs in retention and graduation rates, as well as diversity.

In the past decade, the university has invested more than \$800 million in new and renovated facilities to enhance teaching and research. Notable new construction includes the [Earth, Energy & Environment Center](#) and [Capitol Federal Hall](#), as well as the [Integrated Science Building](#), which comprises 280,000 square feet of space for teaching, learning and interdisciplinary research in chemistry, medicinal chemistry, physics, molecular biosciences and related fields.

There are 38 active startup companies created from KU discoveries, and the university has 130 license agreements for commercial use of KU technologies. The university has an on-campus incubator that houses more than 40 corporate tenants ranging from KU spinouts to established companies like Garmin and Archer Daniels Midland.

KU benefits significantly from [KU Endowment](#), which serves as the official fundraising foundation for KU by partnering with donors to provide philanthropic support to the university. The university's most recent campaign, which concluded in 2016, netted \$1.67 billion for scholarships, faculty support, facilities and other initiatives.

The Position

The Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor is the chief academic officer of the Lawrence Campus, reporting directly to the Chancellor. The Provost is primarily responsible for advancing the university's mission in conjunction with the Chancellor, administrators, faculty, staff, and students across the Lawrence Campus. The Provost will take a leadership role in championing and furthering the goals outlined in the university's next strategic plan, which will be developed during the 2019/2020 academic year. The Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor's responsibilities include:

- Directing the internal affairs of the Lawrence Campus. Reporting to the Provost are all Deans of the Lawrence Campus; the units of Student Affairs, Research, Research and Planning; and the Edwards Campus in Overland Park. The Vice Provosts for Academic Affairs, Enrollment Management, Faculty Development, Diversity & Equity, Undergraduate Studies, Operations, and Finance also report to the Provost.
- Overseeing the academic and budgetary activities of the Lawrence Campus. The Provost serves on the Chancellor's Cabinet and, together with the Executive Vice Chancellor of the KU Medical Center and the Chancellor, is a member of the university's executive leadership team.
- Serving as chair of the committees on Promotion and Tenure, Distinguished Professorships, and Sabbatical Leaves.
- Serving as principal administrative liaison with the university's governance system.
- Acting as the chief executive officer of the university in the Chancellor's absence.
- Serving as the university's representative to the Council of Chief Academic Officers and the System Council of Chief Academic Officers of the Kansas Board of Regents.
- Serving as a managing trustee of the University Press of Kansas.
- Serving as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for the KU Center for Research.
- Assuming other responsibilities as directed by the Chancellor.

Qualifications

- Earned doctorate or other appropriate terminal degree
- Demonstrated ability to provide academic and administrative leadership
- Experience with fiscal management and higher education funding
- Experience with personnel management at a high level
- Ability to initiate and manage planning and change
- Superior interpersonal and communication skills

- Demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching, research and service
- Demonstrated commitment to enhancing the quality of student life and learning
- Qualifications for appointment at the rank of Professor
- Demonstrated commitment to equity and inclusion

Application Process

The University of Kansas has retained R. William Funk & Associates to consult with the Search Committee on this important search.

While applications and nominations will be accepted until a new Provost is selected, interested parties are encouraged to send their materials to our consultant at the address below by August 30 to assure optimal consideration. Application materials include a current résumé and a letter of interest.

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Statement of Equal Opportunity

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