DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

The Pennsylvania State University seeks candidates for the position of Dean of the College of Engineering. Penn State is the land-grant University of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is composed of the University Park campus and 23 other campuses throughout the state. Reporting directly to the Executive Vice President and Provost of the University, the Dean serves as the principal academic and administrative officer of the College.

The Dean will lead faculty and staff who are committed to providing an extraordinary learning environment, conducting impactful research, enhancing the dialogue with society and the profession, and continuing to enrich an inclusive and diverse community committed to discovery and focused on collegiality and excellence. Established in 1896, the College of Engineering has a rich, distinguished, and valued history. The College enrolls more than 8,000 undergraduate and 1,700 graduate students, and is one of the most comprehensive engineering programs in the country, emphasizing technical expertise combined with innovation, leadership, teamwork, entrepreneurship, communication skills, and global perspectives. The College is ranked 18th nationally in the USNWR undergraduate engineering programs ranking, and 27th nationally in graduate programs among colleges of engineering. The 2016-17 operating budget for the College is in excess of $90 million, and research expenditures exceed $100 million.

The position requires an individual who can lead, effectively manage and advance cutting-edge, growing engineering programs residing in a highly collaborative and inter-disciplinary-focused research university. Excellent opportunities exist for collaborative research with other colleges, such as the College of Arts and Architecture, and the institutes at Penn State, including the Rock Ethics Institute, Institute for CyberScience, Institutes of Energy and the Environment, Sustainability Institute, Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences, Materials Research Institute, and Social Sciences Research Institute. Prior leadership experience with responsibility for strategic planning/implementation, management of personnel, programs, and resources is required, along with an ability to inspire and lead an outstanding group of students, faculty and staff. In addition, the successful candidate should have: a commitment to high quality disciplinary and interdisciplinary research, education, and to building a diverse and inclusive research and learning environment; a record of accomplishment in fundraising; experience in working with engineering startups and building a culture of entrepreneurship to support the “Invent Penn State” initiative; and familiarity with national issues affecting engineering research and education, with credentials appropriate for a tenured appointment at the rank of professor. Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Please send letters of application (cover letter, curriculum vitae, and names of four references) to the University’s employment web site at https://psu.jobs/job/69155. Nominations and inquiries may be addressed to Charles Whiteman, Chair of the Search Committee, and sent to PSUSearch@psu.edu. The Search Committee will review applications and nominations beginning March 13 and will continue to receive them until the position is filled. For more information about the College of Engineering, visit our web site at http://www.engr.psu.edu.
Employment will require successful completion of background check(s) in accordance with University policies. Final candidate(s) for the position will be required to complete a full background check process including education, employment, credit, motor vehicle verifications, criminal, and child abuse as appropriate.

To review the Penn State Annual Security Report, please go to http://www.police.psu.edu/clery/; a hard copy is available on request.

Penn State is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer, and is committed to providing employment opportunities to minorities, women, veterans, disabled individuals, and other protected groups.