



Dean of the College of Arts and Science

The University of Missouri invites inquiries, nominations, and applications for the position of Dean of the College of Arts and Science.

Founded as the first public university west of the Mississippi River, the University of Missouri is a land-grant, flagship institution that seeks a dynamic and creative leader for its largest college as they build on their strong foundation of teaching expertise and research excellence. MU – a \$2.1 billion enterprise – is one of only 34 public universities selected for membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities, and the College of Arts and Science is the cornerstone of its research and teaching mission. The University's renowned faculty publish more than 1,600 books and scholarly articles each year, and MU has been classified as a community-engaged campus by the Carnegie Foundation. MU is nationally recognized for its educational opportunities and resources – benefitting 33,000 students from every state in the nation and 120 countries. The University is a member of the Division I NCAA SEC athletic conference.

The College of Arts and Science is the home of 28 departments, 13 programs, 3 interdisciplinary centers/institutes, and two museums. These departments and programs contain 30 undergraduate majors – including some of the oldest disciplines (such as mathematics and classical studies) and some of the newest degree programs (digital storytelling) – and approximately 9,000 undergraduate and graduate students, 500 full-time faculty, and nearly 200 full-time staff. All of the advantages of a liberal arts education in the context of a comprehensive research university are available to students as they conduct original research, create, and perform alongside internationally recognized scientists, scholars, artists, and musicians.

The next Dean of the College of Arts and Science will play a central role in the College's and the University's academic administration, including involvement with strategic planning, budget, curriculum, facilities, and research. The next Dean will also coordinate external relations for the College, including fundraising, alumni relations, employer engagement and partnership, economic development, political priorities (federal and state), and public relations. Successful candidates will have exceptional research records and international reputations of scholarly distinction that would be deemed commensurate at the rank of full professor in an A&S College department. Successful candidates will also have leadership experience, preferably in an academic setting; show promise or have experience in fundraising at the University level or its equivalent; have an understanding of the academic landscape and recognize the changes occurring in modes of scholarship and teaching; and be able to communicate with the arts community of Columbia and the state of Missouri.

The University of Missouri is fully committed to achieving the goal of a diverse and inclusive community of faculty, staff, and students. We seek individuals who are committed to this goal of collaboration and inclusion and value the many unique qualities and experiences a diverse environment offers.

Nominations, applications, and inquiries may be sent in confidence. Full consideration will be given to all applications received by August 28, 2017. Application materials (to include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the full contact information for five references – who will not be contacted without permission) must be electronically submitted to:

MUDeanCOAS@academic-search.com.

Assisting the University in this search are Ann Die Hasselmo (Ann.Hasselmo@academic-search.com) and Chris Butler (Chris.Butler@academic-search.com), consultants with Academic Search, Inc., Washington, D.C.

Further information about the University of Missouri is available at <http://missouri.edu/> and from the profile of the position and institution at: <http://academic-search.com/sites/default/files/MUDeanCOASProfile.pdf>.

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