



The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration

The University. The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is a breakout leader for academic excellence and high-impact practices in the UW System. Consistently ranked among the top five public Midwestern universities, UW-Eau Claire recently earned the top national award for undergraduate research collaboration, a 50-year faculty-student tradition with global impact. This campus is known for natural beauty, spanning a winding river, and its hilltop residence halls overlook magnificent views of the Chippewa Valley. More than 10,500 students are drawn to this vibrant hub where innovation, leadership, diversity and inclusion are core values. Groundbreaking community partnerships in manufacturing, business, health care and the cultural arts produce myriad opportunities for scholarship and internship. Average class size is 27 with a faculty/student ratio of 1:21. The University is noted for low debt for graduates and high value at a competitive tuition rate. The growing city of Eau Claire is located about 90 miles east of Minneapolis, with a population of about 70,000 that swells to 170,000 in spring and summer, when a half-dozen major music festivals draw visitors to the “Music Capital of the North.” The vibe on campus and in the surrounding community is one of boundless possibility and lifelong learning. Come grow with us!

Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration (VCFA). The VCFA provides leadership and vision in financial planning, management and oversight for the Chancellor and the University’s senior leaders, shared governance leaders, student leaders and other stakeholders in meeting the mission and strategic goals of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Serving as the chief financial officer for the institution and reporting directly to the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration serves as a member of the Chancellor’s executive team and is a key liaison with the University of Wisconsin System Administration. Budgetary responsibilities include stewardship of an annual institutional operating budget of approximately \$237 million.

Responsibilities. The Vice Chancellor provides vision, leadership and direction to the new finance and administrative division, which includes the following units:

- The Administrative and Knowledge Support Center (ASK), a one-stop administrative support center that includes:
 - Firstsource Support Team/Travel
 - Accounting
 - Accounts Payable
 - Purchasing
 - Risk Management and Safety
- Budget and Resource Planning
- Human Resources
- The Children’s Nature Academy, an early childhood education and care center
- University Centers, the student union
- University Police

The new Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration will be asked to develop processes and structures that will centralize budgeting and finance support for all divisions. This will include Academic Affairs, Housing and Residence Life, Athletics, Facilities, etc.

Qualifications. The successful candidate will be an innovative, collaborative and experienced leader with a track record of progressive management success in a university or similarly complex setting. The successful candidate will demonstrate planning, resource development and project management skills; possess exceptional analytical skills and the ability to provide university leadership with budget models to enhance strategic decision making; and have experience dealing with governing boards and municipalities, and managing a variety of campus administrative functions. In addition, the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration will demonstrate the capacity to lead staff through organizational change. The incumbent will appreciate the academic mission, approach tasks with a “people” orientation, and possess the ability to tell complicated financial stories in ways that enlighten and engage people inside and outside the University.

Required qualifications include a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution; demonstrated ability to develop, analyze and implement long-term sustainable financial models; the ability to perform advanced analytics in support of strategic decision-making; and supervisory experience overseeing multi-disciplinary operational units in a complex organization, including service-focused units. Preferred qualifications include the following: a master’s degree (or equivalent) or terminal degree from an accredited institution; a degree in administration or a business-related field is an asset; experience with public-private partnerships; a well-developed knowledge and ability to interpret and apply federal and state laws and regulations; a working knowledge of current financial information systems, web technology and database applications; and evidence of progressively responsible senior leadership in finance, budgeting and planning for complex organizations such as health care, higher education or county, municipal or state government.

Application. The University is being assisted by Academic Search, Inc. Applications should consist of a substantive cover letter, a curriculum vitae and a list of five professional references with full contact information. No references will be contacted without the explicit permission of the candidate. Applications, nominations and expressions of interest can be submitted electronically, and in confidence, to:

UWEC-VCFA@academic-search.com.

The position is open until filled but only applications received by July 6, 2018 can be assured full consideration. Additional qualifications and responsibilities can be found under Current Searches at www.academic-search.com. Confidential discussions about this opportunity may be arranged by contacting consultants Ann Die Hasselmo at Ann.Hasselmo@academic-search.com and Chris Butler at Chris.Butler@academic-search.com. For more information on UW-Eau Claire, please see www.uwec.edu.

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