



University of Wisconsin System

The University of Wisconsin System invites nominations and applications for a visionary and forward-thinking leader as the next **Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs (VPASA)** who will continue to enhance the System's commitment to academic excellence, student success, community engagement, and shared governance. This position offers a unique opportunity for a leader in academic and student affairs to engage a broad array of outstanding universities in the development and delivery of innovative programs.

The UW System is one of the largest systems of public higher education in the country, serving more than 170,000 students each year and employing approximately 39,000 faculty and staff statewide. It is made up of two doctoral institutions, 11 four-year universities, 13 two-year branch campuses, and a statewide extension network with offices in every county. Together, these institutions are a tremendous academic, cultural, and economic resource for Wisconsin, the nation, and the world.

UW System at a Glance

Enrollment: **More than 170,000**

Annual Budget: **\$6 billion**

State Funding: **\$1 billion**

Gifts, Grants and Contracts: **\$1.9 billion**

Economic Impact: **\$24+ billion annually**

Degrees Awarded: **More than 36,000 annually**

The Position

The Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, in collaboration with UW System institutions, their senior administrators, faculty, staff and students, provides the vision and leadership to ensure that:

- The UW System is a national leader in serving the public higher education needs of the state through its mission of teaching and learning, research, and service;
- Wisconsin citizens have access to, and success in, the highest quality educational experiences;

- UW System and institutions model *Inclusive Excellence*, so that students are prepared for the challenges of life and work in an increasingly diverse and global world;
- The UW System serves the educational, economic, and cultural needs of the state of Wisconsin.

In all these activities, the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs works closely with the UW System President, the other Vice Presidents, and President's Executive Committee, and with the Chancellors, Provosts, and Senior Student Affairs Officers of the UW System institutions. The Vice President also serves as the senior liaison for the Education Committee of the Board of Regents and can expect to interact with multiple State of Wisconsin offices.

The successful applicant for the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs must demonstrate the following:

- Evidence of progressively more responsible higher education leadership experience including significant experience at the Dean or equivalent level;
- Demonstrated appreciation of quality teaching, service, and scholarship;
- Demonstrated commitment to and knowledge about diversity, equity, and inclusion as critical components of academic excellence and student success; and
- Evidence of excellent management skills in an academic setting.

Other highly preferred qualifications, as well as the specific responsibilities of the VPASA, are listed in the prospectus, which is referred to in the application procedure below.

Application

Academic Search is assisting the UW System in filling this position. Confidential conversations regarding nominations or with those interested in the position may be obtained by contacting Senior Consultant Jessica Kozloff at jsk@academic-search.com. The start date will be on or about September 16, 2019. The search will remain open until filled, but only applications received by May 27, 2019, can be assured full consideration. UW System Administration will not reveal the identities of applicants who request confidentiality in writing, except those identified as final candidates. See Wis. Stat. § 19.36(7). Employment will require a criminal background check. It will also require semi-finalists and references to answer questions regarding sexual violence and harassment. Applicants should submit a cover letter, a current c.v., and at least 5 references, none of whom will be contacted without prior permission, to UWVPSA@academic-search.com. The cover letter should address how the applicant meets the required and preferred characteristics or experiences, particularly in relationship to the role and responsibility of the position as described in this prospectus. The prospectus can be found at www.academic-search.com under the tab, "Current Searches."

The University of Wisconsin System is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer and actively seeks and encourages applications from women, minorities, and persons with disabilities. It is our policy to provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities who are employees or applicants for employment.