

VICE PROVOST UNDERGRADUATE AFFAIRS & INSTRUCTION



American University of Sharjah Emirate of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

The American University of Sharjah (AUS), founded in 1997 and a premier institution of higher education in the Middle East, has established this new position to lead the delivery of undergraduate education of the highest order. AUS seeks an accomplished teacher and scholar with a commitment to integrative undergraduate education in an international setting. Review of applications will begin immediately.

The successful candidate will hold a terminal degree in a discipline offered by AUS and will demonstrate a distinguished track record as a teacher in a college or university setting, with particular experience in promoting effective teaching and advancing best pedagogical practices among peers. The new Vice Provost will provide commitment and support to the integration of outstanding teaching and scholarship as a vital element of a robust undergraduate curriculum.

The Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs and Instruction will report to the Provost and serve on the Council of Deans and the Provost's Council. The Vice Provost will bring an entrepreneurial spirit and innovative style in establishing an infrastructure and administrative procedures to support the faculty in their efforts to provide a curriculum that leads to the best possible learning outcomes for AUS students. This will include development and oversight of offices and services to address faculty development (particularly to improve teaching and pedagogical practices at AUS), instructional technology, academic advising, assessment, and academic achievement. The Vice Provost's leadership will ensure continuous improvement of the University's capacity to deliver outstanding baccalaureate education and to sustain AUS's position in the forefront of innovative education in the Middle East.

Founded by the Ruler of Sharjah, AUS is a comprehensive, independent, non-profit coeducational university based on American models of higher education. AUS provides broad access to highly motivated students from all countries, while maintaining academic standards comparable to those found at U.S. universities. The University has achieved remarkable growth and academic distinction during its short history and is currently engaged in a cycle of strategic planning that will ensure the continued upward trajectory in academic quality. The University is financially robust, and compensation for faculty and staff is highly competitive. The campus is a spectacular setting of imposing architecture and beautiful landscaping and is located approximately 30 minutes from Dubai International Airport. Sharjah is known as a city of learning and culture, and the United Arab Emirates is a thriving and rapidly changing country of approximately 4 million inhabitants from throughout the world.

There are four academic units in the University: the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Engineering, the School of Architecture and Design, and the School of Business and Management. Classes are taught in English, and most faculty members are educated in the West, but the atmosphere is international. No single nation accounts for more than 20% of the student body and over 80 nations are represented. The University enrolls over 5000 students and employs 352 full-time faculty members and nearly 500 staff. The student-faculty ratio is approximately 15 to 1. A fundamental goal in all programs is the integration of liberal and professional studies.

AUS is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, and all engineering programs are fully accredited by ABET. The School of Business and Management is pursuing AACSB accreditation, and The School of Architecture and Design is a candidate for accreditation with the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB). AUS is also licensed by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the UAE. Further information may be accessed at www.aus.edu.

Nominations and applications (to include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and five references) will be treated in confidence and should be sent electronically (MS Word) to Dr. Thomas Hochstetler, Provost, American University of Sharjah at:

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Confidential inquiries about this search are welcome and may be made to:

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