

# PROVOST & VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



Montana State University (MSU) Bozeman seeks applications and nominations for the position of Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA).

Founded in 1893, MSU Bozeman is one of the nation's pre-eminent land-grant universities, ranked by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching among the top 96 research universities in the country (Research Universities, very high research activity). This flagship campus of the four-campus Montana State University system enrolls approximately 12,800 students and offers baccalaureate degrees in 61 fields, master's degrees in 41 fields, and doctoral degrees in 20 fields. The portfolio of the Provost & VPAA encompasses nine academic colleges, numerous research centers, laboratories and institutes, multiple academic program units, international programs, the libraries, the Museum of the Rockies, and Extended University. The University's faculty numbers 830 (FTE), and the overall student-to-faculty ratio is 16:1. The 1,170-acre campus is located in a spectacular setting in the heart of the Gallatin Valley in Bozeman, Montana, a culturally rich community of 50,000 people.

The Provost & VPAA is the second-ranking administrative officer of the University and is one of seven vice presidents reporting to the President. The Provost & VPAA exercises academic and administrative leadership over the University's educational programs and budget, academic policy, academic appointments, and the generation of teaching, research, and creative activity in a vibrant campus community that emphasizes active learning and strong student/faculty engagement. The Provost & VPAA has 18 direct reports.

In its next Provost & VPAA, the University seeks a highly accomplished academic leader who has a deep understanding of the mission of a nationally-recognized land-grant institution; an unwavering commitment to student access and academic success in the context of high quality, research-intensive academic programs; and the ability to engage internal and external constituencies in thoughtful deliberation and action to enhance MSU Bozeman's status as a premier land-grant university of the 21st century.

A search prospectus, with additional information about the University, the major attractions of the position, the key leadership agenda for the Provost & VPAA, and specific requirements, may be found at [www.academic-search.com/search.html](http://www.academic-search.com/search.html). Those considering becoming candidates are urged to visit this search Web site before submitting an application. In order to assure full consideration, applications must be received by July 6, 2010 and include a substantive letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and a list of at least five professional references with e-mail addresses and telephone numbers. All nominations, inquiries, and applications will be confidential until the President identifies a limited number of finalists for campus interviews, at which point the names and résumés of finalists only will become public. Nominations and applications must be submitted electronically in MS Word or Adobe PDF to:

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