



## Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College

Washington & Jefferson College seeks an experienced academic leader to join the leadership team of President John Knapp as the College's Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College (VPAA). The VPAA will be an integral member of President Knapp's senior-level team and will take on responsibility for leadership in his absence. The College seeks candidates with outstanding communication skills, integrity, a strong work ethic, and a clear understanding of higher education and the liberal arts as the learning necessary to realize meaningful lives and professional success. The College's sound institutional foundation, coupled with its impressive momentum, offers outstanding leadership opportunity for the next VPAA.

Located in Washington, Pennsylvania, just 30 miles south of Pittsburgh, Washington & Jefferson College (W&J) was founded in 1781 and is the nation's eleventh oldest college. Now in its third century, the College, a Phi Beta Kappa institution, adheres to the belief that a liberal arts education is not only the best vehicle for personal intellectual growth, but that it also provides the ideal preparation for professional success. Committed to providing undergraduates with a top-ranked, four-year, co-educational education, W&J aspires to graduate students with a life-long passion for learning, compassion for others, and the ability to translate academic study and personal concern into effective leadership and action in their communities and the world. Ranked as one of the top liberal arts colleges, W&J is above all focused on student success and embraces a holistic approach to the student experience.

W&J combines outstanding classroom experiences with opportunities to test knowledge in the world beyond campus. The College offers 34 majors and 27 minors in a variety of rewarding fields. The curriculum allows for flexibility and creativity, enabling students to pursue pre-professional and special programs and concentrations that are interdisciplinary in nature. Many students pursue double majors during their time at the College, and interdisciplinary work by students and faculty alike is highly regarded. Many W&J students study abroad and the College's recent gift of \$4 million to support semester-length study abroad scholarships will further W&J's commitment to preparing students for a global world.

W&J attracts students from all backgrounds and all walks of life and encourages them to engage with ideas and projects that will challenge their boundaries. The W&J student is an individual who understands the power of education and earnestly and honestly wants

to excel both inside and outside of the classroom. These students are attracted to the rigor of the institution, the strong connections they establish with a talented faculty and staff, and the solid and proven outcomes of their W&J education.

The College continues to expand educational opportunities while adhering to the belief that a liberal arts education develops the intellect and the soul, preparing people for work as well as for life. Building on areas of curricular strength to broaden its curricular reach, Washington & Jefferson reintroduced graduate programs to the curricular offerings of the College in 2015.

For more than 200 years, W&J's distinguished alumni have been influencing change in business, politics, and the arts and sciences as CEOs, lawyers, state representatives, doctors, researchers, writers and teachers, and in many other equally worthy professions. W&J graduates have gone on to become leaders in every industry for more than two centuries. The College's distinct combination of renowned faculty, state-of-the-art facilities, individual attention, and abundant opportunities for research, internships, and study abroad in a liberal arts setting provides students with the ultimate preparation to achieve their goals and realize their dreams.

The new VPAA is expected to assume office on or before July 1, 2019.

For additional information about Washington and Jefferson College, this opportunity and the process of candidacy, please visit: <http://academic-search.com/sites/default/files/WJVPAAProfile.pdf>.

The College is being assisted by Academic Search, Inc. Confidential discussions about this opportunity may be arranged by contacting Senior Consultants Andrea Warren Hamos at [awh@academic-search.com](mailto:awh@academic-search.com) or Sharon Herzberger at [sdh@academic-search.com](mailto:sdh@academic-search.com).

*Washington & Jefferson College is committed to increasing diversity in our community and actively pursues individuals from all backgrounds. Additionally, W&J complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and provides equal opportunity in all educational programs and activities, admission of students, and conditions of employment for all qualified individuals regardless of race, color, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, or national origin.*

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