



## **Position Announcement**

### **Vice President for Research**

Kennesaw State University and the Vice President for Research Search Committee invite letters of nomination and applications for the position of Vice President for Research for Kennesaw State University (KSU).

### **The University**

A leader in innovative teaching and discovery, Kennesaw State University offers more than 150 undergraduate and graduate programs to its more than 35,000 students. With 13 colleges on two suburban Atlanta campuses, Kennesaw State is a member of the University System of Georgia and the third-largest university in the state. For the past four decades, the university has consistently been recognized for its strong teaching, innovative programming, and remarkable growth, moving from a relatively small two-year school to a national, doctoral university. The university's vibrant campus culture, diverse population, strong business and global ties, and entrepreneurial spirit draw students from throughout the region and 92 countries. The university's alumni network is over 110,000 strong and includes recognized leaders in a diverse range of career fields. A Carnegie-designated Doctoral University, it is one of the 50 largest public institutions in the United States.

### **KSU Mission Statement**

Kennesaw State University offers high quality and recognized undergraduate, graduate, continuing education, and co-curricular programs. These include architecture, the arts, business, computing, education, engineering and engineering technology, health and human services, honors, humanities and social sciences, interdisciplinary studies, leadership, natural and physical sciences, and study abroad. The university's research, scholarship, creative activities, and public service initiatives expand and apply knowledge, contribute to economic development, and improve the quality of life in communities across Georgia, the nation, and the world.

The KSU community values open, honest, and thoughtful intellectual inquiry, innovative and creative problem solving, professionalism, expertise, collaboration, integrity and ethical behavior, engaged citizenship, global understanding, sustainability, mutual respect, and appreciation of human and cultural diversity. The university community strives continually to enhance student success, improve institutional quality, and respond to public demand for higher education.

### **KSU Vision Statement**

Kennesaw State University will be a world-class comprehensive university recognized for its excellence in education, discovery, innovation, technology, and community engagement at all

levels, from local to global. The KSU experience will empower the members and graduates of the university community to have the vision, ability, and courage to transform the future.

### **The Opportunity**

The Vice President for Research reports to the University President. She or he also oversees the University's Division of Research and serves as the Chief Operating Officer of the University's Research and Service Foundation.

The next Vice President for Research will have the opportunity to define and drive the concept of a relevant institutional research portfolio within a 21<sup>st</sup> century comprehensive university. The university is nationally known for innovative teaching and strong programming. The university has significantly expanded its research portfolio and support in the past decade, and is committed to adding research and creative activity to areas in which it enjoys a national reputation for innovation.

### **Position Overview**

- Advise the President on the University's research enterprise, ensuring the research enterprise advances the University's strategic mission and goals.
- Develop and implement research support infrastructure to enable faculty, staff, students, and other research investigators to expand overall research productivity at KSU.
- Ensure the University meets research compliance obligations of funding agencies, the University System of Georgia, Kennesaw State University, and other relevant agencies or granting authorities.
- Develop and implement strategic plans for research growth at KSU consistent with the President's expectations and the University's mission, goals, resources, and other obligations.
- Ensure the University offers appropriate support of research investigators from project inception to completion.
- Facilitate and ensure the identification of funding opportunities, proposal development and submission, research implementation, award management, and appropriate close-out of projects.
- Oversee the effective operation of the University's Office of Research.
- Effectively conduct and/or oversee confidential investigations as required in the role of the University's Research Integrity Officer.

### **Required Qualifications**

- Hold a terminal degree (doctorate strongly preferred) from an accredited institution of higher education in a relevant discipline or its foreign equivalent.
- Demonstrated track record of 7+ years of successful scholarship portfolio, including externally funded research. Successful experience coordinating research within university setting. Successful experience in academic administration.
- Must meet requirements to be appointed to the rank of tenured full professor in an academic department at Kennesaw State University contemporaneously with hiring.
- Must meet and maintain qualifications to serve as the University's designated Research Integrity Officer.

### **Preferred Knowledge, Skills, Experiences, and Abilities**

- Knowledge of effective external funding and grant processes and requirements of universities.
- Ability to consistently operate with a high degree of skill at an executive level in a key area with high expectations.
- Effectively lead teams and serve as an effective member of a team.
- Consistently demonstrate sound judgment and outstanding decision-making abilities.
- Possess strong skills and experience in research and grant management.
- Possess strong skills in academic leadership and management.
- Possess a strong portfolio of successful research activities.
- Possess experience in developing funded research investigators.
- Knowledge of federal, state, and University System of Georgia policies governing research activities.
- Possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to identify and expand personal knowledge needed to meet current and evolving expectations of the position.
- Extensive knowledge of federal, state and private agencies providing research opportunities and supporting research activities, and strategies necessary to acquire and successfully complete funded research projects.

- Have an entrepreneurial vision and skill set for broadly growing the University's research enterprise, serving as an ambassador and advocate for research within and beyond the University.

### **Applications and Nominations**

The Search Committee invites applicants to submit applications (letter of interest, C.V. (including detailing academic experience, university leadership experience, and contact information for at least three professional references)), or expressions of interest to the university search committee. While the position is open until filled, the application review process will begin on **November 11, 2018**.

To apply, please visit the university's application portal:

<https://facultyjobs.kennesaw.edu/postings/5563>

Nominations may be submitted to [VPR@kennesaw.edu](mailto:VPR@kennesaw.edu).

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