



Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Louisiana State University in Shreveport invites applications for the position of Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. This person will serve as the Chief Academic Officer for the campus and will report directly to the Chancellor.

About LSUS:

Louisiana State University in Shreveport operates within the LSU structure at SACSCOC Level IV with 21 undergraduate programs, 11 Master's programs and currently one doctoral program (the Ed.D. in Leadership Studies since 2014). LSUS has 123 full-time faculty, of which 81% hold a terminal degree with 50 endowed faculty chair or professorship positions. LSU Shreveport enrollment for fall, 2017 is at a record level of 5,797. The figure reflects a very significant increase in online enrollment, primarily at the graduate level, primarily with the MBA program. Traditionally, LSUS enrollment has been between 4,100 and 4,400 students with a greater number of traditional undergraduate students. The University has established a new Student Success Center and is about to engage a national consulting firm to establish a new strategic enrollment plan, in particular to help bolster undergraduate student attraction, retention and graduation.

LSUS is in the process of completing a new strategic plan, aligned to the new LSU Strategic Plan. LSUS has a close working relationship with its sister LSU institution, the LSU Health Sciences Center- Shreveport and the two community colleges within Shreveport-Bossier City. The University has seven intercollegiate sports teams that compete in the Red River Athletic Conference within the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. LSUS is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), plus multiple discipline-specific accreditations.

About the Community:

Shreveport, the third-largest city in the state of Louisiana, has a population of 200,000. The Metropolitan Statistical Area population exceeds 440,000 (ranks 111th in the United States). Shreveport is the commercial and cultural center of the Ark-La-Tex region, where Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas meet. Cultural organizations include ArtSpace Shreveport, the Robinson Film Center, the Shreveport Opera and the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra. Popular festivals or activities include ArtBreak, the largest annual student arts festival in the South, Holiday in Dixie, the Revel and Mardi Gras parades. Shreveport-Bossier is a major medical center of the region and state and home to Barksdale Air Force Base and the National Cyber Research Park.

About the Position:

The Provost is primarily the chief academic officer of the University. However, the Provost acts on behalf of the Chancellor when the Chancellor is not available and oversees most matters involving students, including student admission, enrollment, support, success and career placement. As the chief academic officer, the Provost is a key partner in academic decision-making, providing leadership in all academic matters and working collaboratively with deans, faculty, staff, and administration. The Provost has primary responsibility for overseeing faculty, and final responsibility for re-appointments, tenure and promotion, leaves, and sabbaticals.

The Provost will be expected to provide primary leadership for one of the following three focal areas:

- Academic programs/quality, including online and possible new programs;
- Faculty, including performance and support of faculty; and
- University strategic planning/strategic enrollment practices.

Concerning the new LSU/LSUS Strategic Plans, the Provost will be expected to:

- Champion the University's overriding strategic goal of being transformative in its approach to its goals (and how they are achieved);

- Create an environment in which university entrepreneurial focus, resourcefulness and research will flourish;
- Effectively collaborate with and empower others to define and achieve aspirational goals; and
- Display an unwavering commitment to diversity and inclusion.

The Provost will be expected to:

- Possess a high level of energy with a strong work ethic;
- Lead and manage with integrity, creativity and openness;
- Be a strong advocate for faculty, staff, student and program need;
- Effectively work with deans and faculty to assure strong, viable academic programs and in pursuing new academic initiatives;
- Be responsible for writing / revising all academic policies;
- Oversee student success and support, international students, continuing education, the library and funded research;
- Support educational technology initiatives and activities, especially involving online learning;
- Provide budget planning and management expertise; and
- Provide oversight of SACS COC and professional program accreditation.

The Provost will be expected to effectively represent the university and to collaborate with external stakeholders, including:

- The Louisiana Board of Regents;
- LSU (the “system”) and the other LSU entities (especially LSU Health Sciences Center- Shreveport);
- Regional community colleges, especially Bossier Parish Community College and Southern University in Shreveport;
- Regional public school districts, especially Bossier, Caddo and DeSoto Parishes; and
- Major supporters of and donors to the university.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates must have an earned doctorate in an academic discipline encompassed at the University. The selected candidate will be expected to demonstrate particular expertise and relevant experience for at least one of the following focal areas:

- Academic programs/quality, including online programs;
- Faculty, including performance and support of faculty; or
- University strategic planning/strategic enrollment practices.

Review of applications starts November 13, 2017 and will continue until the position is filled; position to start on or before July 1, 2018.

Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter, CV, and a list of 5 references to: hrsupport@lsus.edu

SALARY: \$155,000 to \$170,000 Per Year

LSUS is committed to diversity and is an equal opportunity/equal access employer.