

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## **Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs**

Michigan State University (MSU) invites applications and nominations for the position of Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Founded in 1855, MSU is the nation's pioneer land-grant university. As an AAU member university, MSU is one of the nation's top research universities, with research expenditures totaling \$715 million in 2018. MSU offers nationally ranked academic, undergraduate research, residential college, and community service learning programs including 275 study abroad programs on all continents in more than 60 countries. With 17 colleges offering over 200 programs of study, MSU employs more than 5,600 faculty and academic staff, approximately 7,100 support staff, and 18,000 student employees. A diverse and inclusive academic community, MSU enrolls approximately 39,000 undergraduate and nearly 11,000 graduate and professional students from all 50 states and more than 130 countries. In the fall of 2019, MSU welcomed more than 8,400 students, its largest and most diverse incoming first-year class ever in the history of the university.

The university is situated in a 5,200 acre park-like setting along the banks of the Red Cedar River in East Lansing, Michigan. The campus is unique not only in its remarkable size but also its beauty. The campus has 532 buildings, including 103 academic buildings, and it continues to expand. MSU's immediate neighbor is the City of East Lansing with a population of 48,000, many of whose residents are affiliated with the university. Lansing, the capital of Michigan, borders East Lansing and the university. It boasts a diverse population of 114,000. Additional information about Michigan State University can be found at [www.msu.edu](http://www.msu.edu). The university has significant presence in Grand Rapids and Detroit through its two medical schools, the College of Human Medicine and the College of Osteopathic Medicine. MSU also has a presence in all 83 counties in Michigan via MSU Extension.

The next Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs will be a strategic and visionary leader working closely with the President. As the Chief Academic Officer, the Provost will meet the criteria for a tenured full professor at the university and must have a substantial record of academic leadership and management. Additionally, the Provost should have demonstrated ability to:

- create and sustain a safe, diverse, equitable, and inclusive campus environment and university community;
- foster a culture of high aspirations and strong core values;
- bolster high academic standards and excellence through the teaching and learning mission of the university, a robust research enterprise, and an enriching student experience;

- work effectively within a shared governance environment and promote academic governance;
- engage the campus community and collaboratively undertake a strategic planning process;
- advance diversity, equity, and inclusion as part of an overall strategic vision;
- emphasize and lead university-community partnerships through outreach and engagement efforts;
- enrich MSU's portfolio of international programs and partnerships;
- lead via collaborative and transparent decision-making processes; and
- effectively champion MSU, its faculty, staff, students, and academic programs.

## **Application Process**

The Search Committee invites applications, inquiries, and nominations for this position of Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. Applications should be accompanied by a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of at least five professional references to the search firm assisting Michigan State University. Review of applications will begin immediately, however, it is preferred that all nominations and applications be received by February 10, 2020 to ensure complete consideration. All inquiries, applications, and nominations in confidence should be directed to:

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*Michigan State University has been advancing the common good with uncommon will for more than 160 years. One of the top research universities in the world, MSU pushes the boundaries of discovery and forges enduring partnerships to solve the most pressing global challenges while providing life-changing opportunities to a diverse and inclusive academic community through more than 200 programs of study in 17 degree-granting colleges.*