Dakota State University
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
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Dakota State University (DSU) offers one of the country's most distinctive sets of undergraduate and graduate programs in computer science, cyber security, information technology and healthcare informatics, and has been named by the National Security Agency (NSA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) a National Center of Academic Excellence (CAE) in: Information Assurance Education, Information Assurance Research, and Cyber Operations, and most recently as an NSA/DHS Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) Regional Resource Center. Complementing its strength in high tech programs are over 40 top quality programs in business, teacher education, liberal arts, digital arts and design, mathematics, and the sciences. Dakota State University has infused computing into all of its courses and degree programs. The placement rate for DSU's students is over 95 percent, with several programs achieving 100 percent. DSU is recognized as an innovative, entrepreneurial institution well equipped to support and drive economic development in the region.

Dakota State University serves 3,190 students on its beautiful 56-acre campus in Madison, at the South Dakota University Center location in Sioux Falls, and on-line. DSU promotes excellence in teaching and learning at the bachelor, masters and doctor of science levels; supports competitive research, scholarly and creative activities; supports economic development for the State of South Dakota and the region; and provides a strong sense of community to its faculty, students and staff on its close-knit campus.

Dakota State is one of 6 State universities and 2 special schools under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Board of Regents. Enrollment at DSU is on an upward trajectory, with significant increases in applications, admissions, and retentions over the last 5 years. The University is in the midst of a significant building program, with two renovations (one of which will ease the housing constraints that presently limits DSU’s on-campus enrolment) along with a new highly advanced technology-forward academic building. Plans are also underway for a new comprehensive cyber research and development facility and organization, the Madison Cyber Labs or MadLabs, which will be home to various research, scholarship, and applications clusters of multidisciplinary areas relative to the cyber universe.

Dakota State University invites nominations and applications for the position of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. As the chief academic officer of the institution, this position reports directly to the President and provides campus-wide leadership in achieving the academic goals and objectives of Dakota State University. The University consists of four dynamic colleges – Arts & Sciences, Business and Information Systems, Computing, and Education as well as the Graduate School. The academic support areas of institutional effectiveness and assessment, online education, graduate studies and research, international programs, library and registrar currently report to this position. This position is responsible for the academic integrity of all academic programs and serves as the institutional liaison to the Higher Learning Commission for accreditation purposes. The ideal candidate must have strong written and verbal communication skills.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

The successful candidate for Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs will be able to demonstrate that he or she meets these minimum qualifications.

- Doctorate from a regionally-accredited U.S. university or equivalent international institution
• Faculty experience at the rank of Professor
• A strong record of successful academic administrative experience in progressively responsible positions, which include budgeting, policy, and academic program development
• Experience in fostering collaboration between academic programs to create interdisciplinary educational experiences for students
• Experience in faculty leadership, mentoring, and faculty development
• Knowledge of enrollment management, facility planning, and research (such as grant writing)
• A record of achieving institutional goals and directing major projects
• Knowledge of accreditation standards set forth by one or more of the regional accreditation agencies
• Knowledge of compliance with state and federal education guidelines

Preferred Qualifications:
• Experience with evaluating tenure-line faculty
• Demonstrated experience with curriculum development
• Experience with international programs, online learning, technology, and graduate education.
• Significant faculty and administrative experience including a distinguished record of accomplishments
• A spirit of imagination, openness and collegiality, coupled with the ability to act decisively, proactively, and fairly
• Ability to evaluate proposed partnerships analytically and with a sense of discernment and entrepreneurship

Dakota State University is located in Madison, South Dakota, a scenic lake region 50 miles from Sioux Falls, one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the country with expanding industries in information technology, financial services, agriculture and health care. For more information about Dakota State University, please visit www.dsu.edu.

Dakota State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission through the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP). DSU’s Health Information Management programs are accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIM) and Respiratory Care programs have specialized accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). DSU’s teacher education programs are accredited by the NCATE and will undergo accreditation through the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) in 2016, in addition to accreditation by the South Dakota Department of Education. DSU’s undergraduate business programs are accredited by Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

Dakota State University is committed to the recruitment, hiring and retention of minorities. We urge individuals from underrepresented groups to apply. Applicants with disabilities are invited to identify any necessary accommodations required in the application process. EOE.

Any offer for employment is contingent on the University's verification of credentials and other information required by law and/or University policies, including but not limited to, a criminal background check.