College of Education

Dean Search

Position Description

The University of Utah, the State’s flagship institution of higher learning, is seeking a nationally prominent scholar and educational leader to serve as the Dean of the College of Education (COE). The College of Education has more than 70 tenure-track and clinical faculty members organized in four academic departments and one institute: Educational Leadership and Policy; Educational Psychology; Education, Culture, and Society; Special Education; and the Urban Institute for Teacher Education. Masters and Doctoral degrees are offered in all four departments; undergraduate degrees are offered in Special Education and the Urban Institute for Teacher Education. The University of Utah, a thriving Research-Intensive public institution of more than 32,000 students, is committed to excellence in research, teaching and service.

The Dean of the College of Education is the public voice of the College and chief executive officer reporting to the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs. The Dean also works with State and local policy makers and other University administrators on our campus and across the State. The University of Utah is entering a time of expansion and opportunity. Joining the Pac 12 has implications not only for athletics, but for research, funding, and innovation. The College of Education is expected to move into a new 35.8 million dollar facility in November of 2013. The Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts and Education Complex is funded by a lead gift of 12 million dollars from the Sorenson Legacy Foundation. The complex will provide state of the art classrooms, research space, and centers for interdisciplinary collaborations such as those with the College of Fine Arts and programs in Science, Technology, and Math. The State of Utah has developed an initiative for change--Prosperity 2020--that has strong implications for our College and the University. Please see <http://www.prosperity2020.com/> for a description. We are seeking a Dean who will develop, with us, a vision for capitalizing on these opportunities.

Our College has had a longstanding commitment to increasing the diversity of our students and faculty. We were among the first colleges at the University of Utah to establish policy and convene a Diversity Action Task Force to support department faculty recruitment and retention efforts. The Urban Institute for Teacher Education was designed to embody college-wide values for diversity in curriculum and practice. Our State is undergoing significant demographic changes with groups that have been historically identified as “minorities” representing 14% of the State and 25% of Salt Lake City populations. To serve the growing diversity of students entering schools within our community, the College of Education has sought to recruit a more diverse faculty and student population, and we are seeking a leader who can help us extend our efforts to recruit diverse faculty and educate a diverse student body.

We are looking for a Dean who shares our commitments and will advance the reputation of the College nationally and locally. Given the current national conversation about K-22 teaching and learning, we are committed to expanding our research agendas**,** using a range of methodologies, to enhance the strength of our professional programs and focus even greater attention on understanding teaching and learning. We are committed to widening the base for external funding. We are committed to effective partnerships with our local community and its schools, both public and private. The University and College have long standing programs in Community Engaged teaching and research and we are seeking a Dean who will continue to support and expand these.

The Dean’s leadership role requires the ability to communicate the goals of the College to multiple audiences inside and outside the University; craft and build consensus for policy; maintain a sense of the College as a community of researchers, scholars, and teachers; and create an academic environment that encourages the development of innovative approaches to the preparation of teachers, administrators, educational researchers, counselors for schools and mental health settings, and counseling and school psychologists.

Candidates should have a doctorate in education or a related discipline, and should be qualified for a tenured professorship in the College of Education.

Interested individuals are invited to visit our employment website found at <http://utah.peopleadmin.com/postings/21411>. You will be required to attach a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and the names of five professional references (include addresses, email and phone numbers) as part of the application process. Questions can be addressed to the Search Committee Co-Chairs: Elaine Clark at 801-581-7148 ([el.clark@utah.edu](mailto:el.clark@utah.edu)) or Ann Darling at 801-581-3412 ([ann.darling@utah.edu](mailto:ann.darling@utah.edu)).

Review of applications will begin February 22, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled.

The University of Utah is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and educator. Minorities, women, and persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply. Veterans preference. Reasonable accommodations will be provided. For additional information: <http://www.regulations.utah.edu/humanResources/5-106.html>.

The University of Utah values candidates who have experience working in settings with students from diverse backgrounds, and possess a strong commitment to improving access to higher education for historically underrepresented students.