

Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement

POSITION PROFILE



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The Position

The Ohio State University invites nominations and applications for the position of Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement.

The University seeks an innovative, dynamic, and entrepreneurial individual to lead it in developing the vision, crafting the mission, and defining the scope of a robust academic outreach and engagement presence. Ohio State defines academic outreach and engagement as the extension of its academic mission into the community, such that the community is engaged with Ohio State's faculty, staff and students in the excitement of learning and its application for the benefit of that community. This approach to outreach and engagement is appropriate to the state of Ohio's flagship institution—and to the land-grant institution of the 21st century.

As leader of the Office of Outreach and Engagement, the Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement will have the opportunity to establish a central focus for the broad range of teaching, research and service activities that contribute to the University's outreach and engagement mission and its ethic of civic responsibility. The Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement will be specifically charged to build the capacity of university-wide outreach and engagement efforts, coordinate and facilitate these initiatives, and communicate and advocate for outreach activities that exemplify the meaning of academic engagement. A representation of the University's outreach and engagement scholarship may be found in the 2015 Carnegie Foundation Community Engagement Classification report. The report contains information submitted to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching in support of Ohio State's successful 2015 reclassification as an engaged university.

The Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement reports directly to the Executive Vice President and Provost and is a member of the Office of Academic Affairs senior leadership team. The Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement will be appointed to a five-year renewable term, subject to annual reviews by the Executive Vice President and Provost and a satisfactory formal performance review in the fourth year.

Qualifications and Responsibilities

The successful candidate will be a visionary leader with demonstrated experience in Outreach and Engagement scholarship and education; proven skills in academic or other administration, resource management, and program formation; and a distinguished record of success in obtaining external funding.

It is a strong preference, but not required, that candidates have a record of excellence commensurate with appointment at the rank of professor in a unit of the university.

The successful candidate will:

- be able to provide expert counsel to the Executive Vice President and Provost, the other Vice Provosts, and University leaders and leadership bodies in matters affecting Outreach and Engagement;
- be able to articulate a vision of the opportunities for growth and innovation in a large complex program;
- possess the collaborative spirit and skills required to forge a shared 21st-century mission and vision for academic outreach and engagement and to create alliances with stakeholders throughout the University in order to achieve that mission and vision;
- possess the intellectual and managerial leadership to ensure that outreach and engagement policies and processes support and advance the University's tripartite land-grant mission of teaching, research, and service; and
- forge partnerships across Ohio State and with external partners.

The Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement will be responsible for:

- nurturing Ohio State's portfolio of outreach and engagement scholarship such that the University continues to be worthy of its Community Engagement Classification;
- guiding the University in achieving its potential to reach every community that needs its scholarship and so enhance its impact by fostering greater integration of University and community resources;
- leading, directing, supporting, and advocating for the Office of Outreach and Engagement;
- reaffirming or revising the Outreach and Engagement strategic plan and accomplishing its goals;
- providing leadership in identifying and establishing the configuration that will provide Ohio State's Office of Outreach and Engagement with local, national, and international visibility for the 21st century;
- managing the Outreach and Engagement annual budget of \$1.2 million and coordinating the functions of the six staff members in the Office of Outreach and Engagement;
- working with the Office of Academic Affairs and the College Deans to embed academic outreach activities more deeply and broadly into strategic plans, annual reviews, dossiers, and Promotion and Tenure reviews;
- enhancing collaboration and synergies among the outreach and engagement efforts of Ohio State's colleges, schools, institutes and centers and the vice presidential units that support them;
- encouraging the outreach and engagement activities of the vice presidential units;
- establishing a university-wide council of outreach and engagement leaders from all academic and support units and, through that council, coordinating Ohio State's diverse academic outreach and engagement activities to bring coherence and enhance collaboration and impact; and
- serving as a compelling advocate and energetic spokesperson for outreach and engagement within the University to faculty, staff, students and externally to alumni, donors, and friends.

The Ohio State University



The Ohio State University is a world-class public, urban, land-grant, sea-grant, space-grant research university with very high research activity, as classified by the Carnegie Foundation, which also identifies Ohio State as an engaged university. As Ohio's flagship, it is the leading comprehensive teaching and research institution in the state. Nearly 65,000 students are enrolled at Ohio State, which includes the University's Columbus campus; its regional campuses at Lima, Mansfield, Marion, and Newark, where a premium is placed on access; and its Wooster campus, home to the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center and the Agricultural Technical Institute. Ohio State has 15 colleges that offer more than 200 undergraduate majors and some 270 Master's, doctoral, and professional programs.

As Ohio's best and one of the nation's top-20 public universities, the University is recognized for its top-rated academic medical center and premier cancer hospital and research center. Its 3,000 faculty include members of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; Sloan, Guggenheim and Fulbright scholars; and distinguished fellows from numerous learned societies.

Ohio State is a member of the Association of American Universities and is the only public university in Ohio to which the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has given both its highest overall classification of Research University Very High and highest undergraduate admissions classification of High Undergraduate. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has also twice honored Ohio State with its Community Engagement Classification, most recently in 2015. The honor recognizes the University for its extensive engagement programming and how its mission, culture, curriculum, and resources are structured to support high-impact community engagement.

Additional information about The Ohio State University may be found at www.osu.edu and <http://trustees.osu.edu/universityportrait/>.



Outreach and Engagement at Ohio State

The Ohio State University has a storied history of commitment to outreach and engagement. The civic engagement of turning discovery into ideas that work for people has always been fundamental to Ohio State's mission and mandate to take learning beyond the campus walls. As a result, the University is a global leader in outreach education, building on its proud land-grant tradition to provide access to education for learners in all walks of life. Influential in the Kellogg Commission's work to define the engaged university, Ohio State continues to strive to find new ways to connect the scholarship of one of the nation's most comprehensive universities with the real and pressing needs of the citizens of Ohio, the nation, and the world. Recent proof of its success in doing so came in 2013, when the University's Young Scholars Program was recognized with the C. Peter Magrath University Community Engagement Award for the creation of a comprehensive pre-collegiate and collegiate program to enhance the academic, personal, and career development skills of students from low-income families.

As one of the few Committee on Institutional Collaboration (CIC) universities located in a large city, Ohio State is looked to as an urban paradigm for outreach and engagement. The urban landscape allows the University to build gateways into the cities of Ohio, while continuing to expand its portals elsewhere throughout the state.

As an academic program, Outreach and Engagement is central to the University's academic mission of the discovery, creation, and dissemination of new knowledge. By translating research into practice, the University's 3,000 faculty advance the scholarship of engagement in ways that are mutually beneficial to all stakeholders.

Explore Columbus, Ohio

Columbus is Ohio's capital and the largest city in the state with a population of 822,553. A friendly city of sleek, modern high-rises and century-old buildings along the banks of the Scioto River, Columbus is a city rich in culture.

As a center of sophisticated technology and educational opportunities, Columbus is home to The Ohio State University, one of the nation's most respected land-grant institutions. The city is also home to the world's largest private research and development foundation, the Battelle Memorial Institute, and it is the home base for national corporations that include Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, American Electric Power, and Limited Brands. Major international corporations with divisions in the city include Vaisala, Mettler Toledo, Siemens AG, and Roxane Laboratories.

In 2012, Columbus was ranked as one of the 50 best cities in America by Business Week. Forbes Magazine, in 2013, gave Columbus an A rating as one of the top cities for business in the U.S. and in 2009 ranked Columbus as the no. 1 up-and-coming tech city in the nation. Columbus was ranked a top ten city by Relocate America in 2010. Columbus prides itself on a rich and diverse population, a thriving visual and performing arts scene, exciting sporting events, a strong network of public and private schools, numerous public parks and recreational areas, and an array of fine restaurants, museums, and cultural activities.



Application Procedure

The position is available upon identification of the appropriate candidate. Salary and other considerations will be competitive and consistent with the University's commitment to recruiting the best-qualified individual. The Search Committee will begin screening dossiers in late September, and will continue to review applications until the Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement is selected.

Greenwood/Asher & Associates, Inc. is assisting The Ohio State University throughout the search process. Individuals who wish to nominate a candidate should submit a letter of nomination including contact information for the nominee. Application materials should include a letter addressing how the candidate's experiences match the position requirements, a curriculum vitae or resume and the names and contact information for three references.

Submission of materials as PDF or Word attachments is strongly encouraged. Confidential inquiries, nominations, and application materials should be addressed to:

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