



Associate Vice President for Engagement Purdue University

Purdue University is seeking a visionary and dynamic leader to be its Associate Vice President for Engagement. Founded in 1869, Purdue is Indiana's land-grant University and one of the nation's leading research universities with a West Lafayette campus enrollment of nearly 38,000. The University has a diverse faculty and one of the largest international student enrollments in the nation. The West Lafayette campus is located 65 miles north of Indianapolis and 120 miles south of Chicago.

Purdue aggressively emphasizes all three components of its Land Grant mission: Learning, Discovery and Engagement. The university enjoys the Carnegie classification for Community Engagement in both the curricular and outreach/partnership categories.

The Office of Engagement was formed in 2002 and serves as a facilitation and networking office, bringing faculty, staff, and students together with clientele and stakeholders who, by leveraging the expertise and capabilities embedded in the university, help advance economic, workforce, and community development initiatives. Purdue Engagement actively involves the university's eleven colleges, its regional campuses, the Purdue Research Parks, Statewide Technology, Cooperative Extension, Purdue Extended Campus, numerous other centers, and many student organizations. Engagement focuses on growing regional economies, improving K-12 education, fostering student-led community service, and improving the quality of life in communities across Indiana.

The Associate Vice President for Engagement reports to the Vice President for Public Affairs and works closely with the Provost to gain the involvement of all colleges in the Engagement mission, to emphasize the scholarly underpinnings for Engagement, and to assure appropriate recognition and credit for Engagement in the university's promotion and tenure process. The Associate Vice President coordinates the University's portfolio of Engagement activities across colleges, with the Cooperative Extension Service across Indiana, and with regional campuses. Several units report directly to the Associate Vice President: Purdue Extended Campus; the Technical Assistance Program, including the Manufacturing Extension Partnership and Purdue Health Care Advisors; Purdue Center for Regional Development; and the Indiana STEM Resource Network.

Qualified candidates will have an academic and/or professional record comparable to that of a tenured professor and have demonstrated excellence and effectiveness in leading an academic unit or other related professional enterprise. Candidates should also have a proven record of success in working effectively with off-campus, non-academic organizations and agencies. Qualified candidates will also be able to articulate and advocate goals of Purdue Engagement while being sensitive to all constituencies served by the University.

Applications or nominations should be sent to: Dr. V. L. Lechtenberg, Chair, Associate Vice President for Engagement Search Committee, Purdue University, Office of Engagement, Hovde Hall, Room 130, 610 Purdue Mall, West Lafayette, IN 47907-2040; email: vll@purdue.edu. Screening will begin September 10, 2013, and continue until the position is filled. A background check will be required for employment in this position.

Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action employer fully committed to achieving a diverse workforce and an inclusive campus climate.