POSITION PROFILE

PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

California State University, Fullerton seeks a Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to join President Mildred García’s leadership team. Ideally, the Provost will be in place by January 2018, though the potential exists for starting in the beginning of summer 2018.

Founded in 1957 by act of the California State Legislature, Cal State Fullerton is “a comprehensive, regional University with a global outlook.” It is one of five universities cited by The Education Trust as most affordable and accessible with high graduation rates. It is located in Fullerton, California, a community of approximately 135,000 people located 30 miles southeast of Los Angeles. There were 40,235 students enrolled in fall 2016, the majority of whom live in Orange County. The student composition also includes over 3,000 international students from 90 nations. Classes are offered on the main campus, the Cal State Fullerton Irvine Campus and online. In addition, extension courses are offered throughout the year by University Extended Education.

THE UNIVERSITY

With an overall budget of $416.9 million for the 2017-18 academic year, the University offers 57 undergraduate degrees and 52 graduate degrees, including doctorates in education and nursing practice. Cal State Fullerton is also home to the largest accredited business school on the West Coast. There are eight colleges, 876 full-time and 870 part-time faculty members. Hispanic Outlook in Education ranks Cal State Fullerton 1st in California and 2nd in the nation in awarding bachelor’s degrees to Hispanic students. A 2017 economic impact analysis shows that Cal State Fullerton is a major driver of economic activity statewide, powering $2.26 billion in economic activity, supporting more than 15,000 jobs and generating $126 million in local and state tax revenue.

More than 4,100 full and part-time faculty and staff members are employed at Cal State Fullerton. Faculty members were awarded $21.4 million in grants and contracts for research and scholarly activities in 2015-16. The quality of the faculty at Cal State Fullerton, 81% of whom hold a doctoral degree, can be seen in recent state, national, and international awards.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM:

BACHELOR’S DEGREES
• Bachelor of Arts
• Bachelor of Fine Arts
• Bachelor of Music
• Bachelor of Science

MASTER’S DEGREES
• Master of Arts
• Master of Arts in Teaching Science
• Master of Business Administration
• Master of Fine Arts
• Master of Music
• Master of Public Administration
• Master of Public Health
• Master of Science
• Master of Social Work

DOCTORAL DEGREES
• Doctor of Education
• Doctor of Nursing Practice
COLLEGES
College of the Arts
Mihaylo College of Business and Economics
College of Communications
College of Education
College of Engineering and Computer Sciences
College of Health and Human Development
College of Humanities and Social Sciences
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
University Extended Education

FACILITIES
The main campus consists of 110 permanent buildings, including student housing for 1,980 residents and the 585-seat Gastronome dining complex. Other additions in recent years include: Titan Hall, Children's Center, Student Recreation Center, Steven G. Mihaylo Hall and the University Police and Emergency Operations Center. Other major campus structures include the Joseph Clayes III Performing Arts Center, Paulina June & George Pollak Library, and Titan Student Union, which recently completed an expansion to add 27,000 square feet. The facility has a 1,200-seat events pavilion, small theater, food court, pub, bowling alley, and conference rooms.

The Kinesiology and Health Science Building includes the Center for Successful Aging. The Charles L. and Rachel E. Ruby Gerontology Center is home to the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. The 10-story College Park building on Nutwood Avenue houses the College of Communications and College of Education, and provides additional classrooms and office space for staff and faculty. Three parking structures — completed in 2004, 2006 and 2010 — provide parking for about 5,500 vehicles, expanding the overall number of campus parking spaces in Fullerton to 11,306.

Cal State Fullerton’s commitment to sustainability has been recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council as the newest student housing complex received the first Platinum Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification.

Another example of Cal State Fullerton’s sustainability efforts is the recent completion of a solar-energy network on the top deck of the Eastside Parking Structure. The photovoltaic installation includes three solar systems installed on the rooftops of two campus buildings, the Clayes Performing Arts Center, the Kinesiology and Health Science Building, and atop a carport of the parking structure where six electric-vehicle charging stations, the first such solar-powered stations in the California State University (CSU) system, were installed as part of the project. The latest in a series of Cal State Fullerton clean-energy projects, the installation is expected to produce 1.16 megawatt hours of electricity annually for the campus, while offsetting more than 700 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions each year. In the next 25 years, Cal State Fullerton is expected to reap $9 million in utility savings.

The CSUF Campus near the Irvine Spectrum Center offers mostly upper-division and graduate-level courses in a convenient location for students who live and work in southern Orange County. Other campus satellites include the Grand Central Art Center in Santa Ana and the CSUF Garden Grove Center. The Tucker Wildlife Sanctuary is an education center and nature preserve in Modjeska Canyon, operated by the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. The Fullerton Arboretum, with the city of Fullerton, is located at the northeast corner of the main campus and is open to the public. The historical Heritage House, built in 1894 and moved to the 26-acre botanical preserve in 1972, was restored and currently serves as a museum devoted to the history of Orange County’s beginnings as an agricultural region as well as the contributions of the Japanese American community and local pioneer families to its economic growth and development.
ATHLETICS
The Titan Sports Complex was established in 1992, featuring Titan Stadium (10,000 seats), Goodwin Field (3,500 seats), Anderson Field for softball, a track and full-sized soccer field. Men’s intercollegiate athletics programs are NCAA Division I baseball (2004, 1995, 1984 and 1979 national championships), basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, and track and field. Division I women’s sports are basketball, cross country, golf, indoor and outdoor track and field, soccer, softball (1986 national championship), tennis and volleyball.

The choice of the elephant as the University’s mascot, dubbed Tuffy Titan, dates to 1962 when the campus hosted “The First Intercollegiate Elephant Race in Human History.” The May 11 student-organized event attracted 10,000 spectators, 15 pachyderm entrants, and worldwide news coverage.

The College of the Arts presents a wide variety of cultural attractions showcasing student and faculty talent plus guest artists. Associated Students Productions include noon concerts in Becker Amphitheater; singers and comedians in the TSU Underground Pub; and celebrity performers in the Portola Pavilion.

PRIVATE SUPPORT
The Cal State Fullerton Philanthropic Foundation (CSFPF) oversees the management of charitable gifts to the University. The CSFPF Board of Governors focuses on building and strengthening relationships with the communities we serve to encourage advocacy, investment, and support of the University, its mission, goals and programs that advance student success. Cultivating significant opportunities for the future of Cal State Fullerton requires a large network of community support groups. These affiliates include: the President’s Associates, CSUF Alumni Association, Art Alliance, Colleagues of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Emeriti, Friends of the Fullerton Arboretum, MAMM Alliance for the Performing Arts, Music Associates, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Patrons of the Library, Reading Educators Guild, Titan Advocates, and Titan Athletics Council.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY
The incumbent will have the opportunity to join President Mildred García in moving her leadership agenda forward. García, the first Latina president in the CSU system, came to Cal State Fullerton in 2012 after serving as president of Cal State Dominguez Hills since 2007. She came to Dominguez Hills after serving from 2001 to 2007 as president of Berkeley College in New York and New Jersey, where she oversaw six campuses offering two and four-year degree programs. President Obama appointed García to the President’s Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence of Hispanic Americans where she and the other commission members advised the president and the education secretary on matters pertaining to the educational attainment of Hispanic students.

President García and the diverse University community seeks an outstanding educational leader. The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for providing academic and strategic leadership for all of the University’s undergraduate, graduate, research and public service programs.
PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

• Lead nearly 2,000 full and part-time faculty, more than 1,200 full and part-time staff members, and 400 graduate assistants, overseeing eight colleges, contracts and grants, institutional research, records, and international partnerships
• Work closely with the President, college deans, and other officers in Academic Affairs regarding all instructionally related planning and operational matters
• Support the implementation of the University’s strategic plan, and the formulation and articulation of clear goals for the University’s academic officers with respect to University priorities
• Focus resources toward achievement of the University’s strategic plan
• Develop an academic vision where student success, enrollment and retention are top priorities
• Guide and shape practices that support University strategic plan goals through the recruitment, development, and retention of a diverse and forward-looking faculty and academic staff
• Collaborate and stimulate collegiality and cooperation with faculty across all colleges and disciplines during the process of academic program and course design, development and recommendation

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

• An earned doctorate or appropriate terminal degree in a discipline encompassed at the University
• A record of significant administrative experience, preferably at the dean level or higher
• Academic credentials for a tenured full professor or equivalent
• Demonstrated excellence in teaching, scholarship, and creative activity

DESIRED LEADERSHIP CHARACTERISTICS:

• Demonstrated success in strategic planning
• Demonstrated competencies in the listed responsibilities of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Cal State Fullerton
• Demonstrated commitment to shared governance, including working within a collective bargaining environment, in a democratic, flexible style
• Demonstrated effectiveness in working in a multicultural environment and success in promoting equity and accessibility to a college education for all, including underrepresented and first-generation students
• Evidence of outreach efforts and partnerships with K-12 and the broader external community
• Experience supporting faculty and student use of instructional technology
• Clear understanding of national and state educational policies and how to influence those policies for a model comprehensive University
• Knowledge and/or experience in public multi-campus systems

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

This search is being assisted by Academic Search, and all inquiries for confidential conversations should be directed to Senior Consultant Jessica Kozloff at jsk@academic-search.com. Ideally, a new Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs will be in office as soon as possible, but no later than summer 2018. The position will remain open until filled, but only applications received by November 30, 2017 can be assured full consideration. A completed application will include a cover letter addressing the required qualifications and desired leadership characteristics above; a curriculum vita; and the names, emails, and phone numbers of five references. None of the references will be contacted without the permission of the applicant. The search process will uphold the highest standards of confidentiality allowed by state law and University policies regarding the search process. Applications and nominations should be sent to CSUFProvost@academic-search.com.

For more information about the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs position and Cal State Fullerton, please see the institutional profile at: www.academic-search.com/sites/default/files/CSUFProvostProfile.pdf.