

DEAN, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



Auburn University invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean and Wayne T. Smith Distinguished Professor. The dean serves as the chief academic and administrative officer for the college and provides vision and leadership that enhances the college's tradition of excellence in teaching, research, service, outreach and diversity. The dean reports directly to the provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs and will be located in Auburn, Alabama.

Auburn University is one of the nation's premier public land-grant institutions and in 2019, it was ranked 44th among public universities by *U.S. News and World Report*. Auburn maintains high levels of research activity and high standards for teaching excellence, offering bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctor's degrees in agriculture and engineering, the professions, and the arts and sciences. Its 2019 enrollment of 30,460 students includes 24,594 undergraduates and 5,866 graduate and professional students. Organized into 12 academic colleges and schools, Auburn's 1,375 faculty members offer more than 200 educational programs. The university is nationally recognized for its commitment to academic excellence, its positive work environment, its student engagement and its beautiful campus.

Auburn residents enjoy a thriving community, recognized as one of the "best small towns in America," with a moderate climate and easy access to major cities or to beach and mountain recreational facilities. Situated along the rapidly developing I-85 corridor between Atlanta, Georgia, and Montgomery, Alabama, the combined Auburn-Opelika, Alabama-Columbus, Georgia statistical area has a population of over 500,000, with excellent public school systems, outstanding recreation areas and an exceptional regional medical center.

The College of Education is NCATE accredited and is listed in the top 25%, according to *U.S. News and World Report*, offering degrees in teacher certification and degrees to prepare professionals in school administration, counseling and health professions. The Auburn University College of Education includes three departments and one school: Curriculum & Teaching; Educational Foundations, Leadership & Technology; Special Education, Rehabilitation & Counseling; and the School of Kinesiology. The College of Education has a 2019 enrollment of 2,663 students, including 1,748 undergraduate and 915 graduate students and 115 faculty teaching in more than 70 programs throughout the college. The college houses the Auburn Center for Evaluation, the Auburn Transition Leadership Institute, the East Alabama Regional Inservice Center, the Truman Pierce Institute, the Gastrointestinal Research Center, the Performance and Health Optimization Center and the Warrior Research Center. Please check [this Link](#) for additional information on this opportunity.

The dean will be responsible for leading the college in pursuit of the college and university's shared values including scholarship, instruction, outreach and diversity. This individual will represent all departments, schools and the 70 programs within the college by advancing all programs, including education, and other programs inside and outside of the university. The dean must support and advocate for all students, faculty and staff while ensuring that all constituents both enhance and improve their knowledge to better serve the college and university.

Candidates must possess an earned doctorate, or commensurate credential, and academic and/or professional accomplishments that are sufficient to merit appointment with tenure at the rank of professor. The successful candidate will possess a demonstrated capacity to lead a growing organization, to build consensus among various stakeholders, to foster increased research and scholarship, to promote student advancement, to enhance external corporate and alumni relations, to assertively fundraise and to effectively represent the college to outside constituencies. Experience in administration, fiscal management, faculty/staff development and fundraising is highly desired. Knowledge of state and national accreditation standards is required. Other qualifications include the ability to lead through collaborative and shared decision making, an understanding of a professional school approach and an innate effectiveness in sustaining a strong and collegial relationship with faculty staff, students and administrators. A successful track record in budget development and strategic planning and an effective ability to balance advocacy for the college with the needs of the university community is essential to success in this position. The candidate selected for this position must meet eligibility requirements to work in the United States at the time the appointment is scheduled to begin and continue working legally for the proposed term of employment.

Salary and benefits will be commensurate with education and experience.

Electronic submission of all nominations and applications are encouraged. Those with interest should submit curriculum vitae and letter of application as it relates to the position to:

Search Committee – Dean, College of Education
Attention: Managing Director
Breckenridge Partners
Email: mek@breckenridgepartners.com

Initial review of candidates will begin after December 31, 2019 and will continue until a qualified candidate is appointed.

Auburn University is an EEO/Vet/Disability Employer and committed to building an inclusive and diverse community