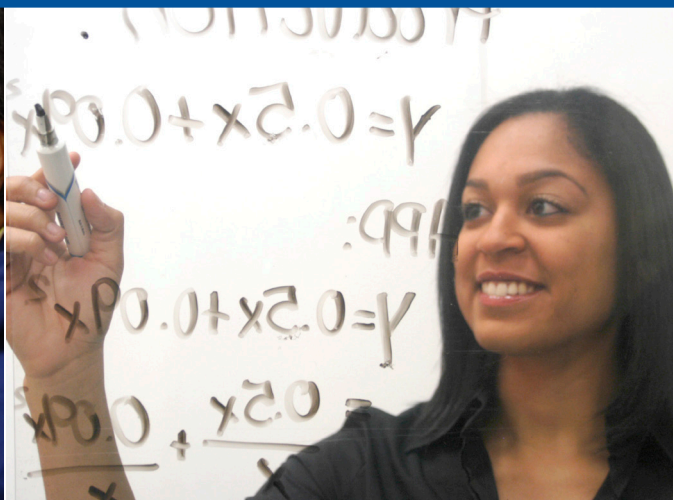




FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

A State and Land-Grant Institution • University System of Georgia



Inviting Applications and Nominations for

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences





Fort Valley State University, a unit of the University System of Georgia and the 1890 Land-Grant Institution of Georgia, seeks an experienced, visionary academic administrator to serve as **Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences**. Review of applications begins immediately.

The Opportunity

The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is an exceptional opportunity for an academic leader who appreciates the extensive contributions and future possibilities of an 1890 Land-Grant Institution and seeks to contribute to Fort Valley State's success. The Dean reports to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and oversees the nine departments that comprise the College of Arts and Sciences.

The College of Arts and Sciences provides the academic core curriculum that supports all of the undergraduate programs of the University; therefore,

this Dean has a major role in the academic life of the University. The Dean will have the opportunity to gain experience and knowledge in a diversity of academic fields and studies.

Approximately 100 of the University's 150 full-time faculty report to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Responsibilities

As the chief academic and administrative officer of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Dean is responsible for its academic programs,

fiscal management, personnel administration, and external relations.

The Dean coordinates with all of the colleges in developing, assessing, and providing the 60 hours of core curriculum courses that support their academic program. The Dean is responsible for ensuring that the general education core is preparing students with the knowledge and skills required for them to excel in their major areas across the University.

Qualifications

Qualified candidates must have earned doctorate with a degree in a discipline represented within the College. Candidates must have distinguished scholarly credentials and stature appropriate for the rank of Professor in a department in the College.

Other requirements include:

- Participatory management and leadership style that encourages and values input from others
- Knowledgeable, or the ability to become knowledgeable, of the academic requirements of academic programs beyond those in the arts and sciences
- Proven academic leadership, administrative ability, and experience
- Experience in budget, planning, personnel, and student matters
- Ability to lead teams to achieve established goals
- Commitment to high standards in education, research, and outreach
- Ability to develop and maintain productive relationships with on- and off-campus constituencies
- Experience in program reviews, assessment, and specialized accreditation
- An established record demonstrating the recruitment and retention of high quality faculty, staff and students
- Demonstrated experience with

external funding or fundraising,
preferred

College of Arts and Sciences

The College of Arts and Sciences is the oldest and the largest college of the University. Its nine academic departments provide nearly 80 percent of the courses taught at FVSU.

The departments of the College of Arts and Sciences include Behavioral Sciences; Biology; Business Administration and Economics; Chemistry; English and Foreign Languages; Fine Arts, Humanities, and Mass Communications; Mathematics and Computer Science; History, Geography, Political Sciences, and Criminal Justice; and the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Military Science. In addition to providing the core curriculum for the University, the College offers more than 20 undergraduate major fields of study.

The University

Fort Valley State University was founded in 1895. The University is Georgia's 1890 Land-Grant Institution, providing extensive research, academic programs, and cooperative services to fulfill those responsibilities.

Located in central Georgia, Fort Valley State University provides an educational experience of exceptional quality. The University's mission and educational goals are realized through comprehensive program offerings in the College of Arts and Sciences; the College of Agriculture, Science and Technology; the College of Education; and the College of Graduate Studies



and Extended Education.

The University's more than 3,500 students represent 130 of Georgia's 159 counties, more than 30 states and 10 countries. Ninety-three percent of the student body is of African descent. Two-thirds of the students live on campus, and 85 percent attend college full-time.

The diverse faculty, with 153 full-time and 40 part-time members, provides a supportive, yet challenging learning environment that encourages initiative and innovation and inspires lifelong learning and the realization of aspirations.

Students benefit from the small classes and accessible professors. The close-knit campus community encourages personal and academic growth and establishing lifelong ties that extend well beyond graduation. Since FVSU

is a teaching and a research institution, students benefit from opportunities to work closely with faculty members on a wide variety of research projects.

The University offers undergraduate and graduate programs in more than 40 fields at its Fort Valley Campus and Warner Robins Center, which is designed for graduate and non-traditional students. Four undergraduate programs - Criminal Justice, English in Technical and Professional Writing, Political Science, and Psychology - and one graduate program - Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling and Case Management - are offered online.

Fort Valley State's Cooperative Developmental Energy Program (CDEP), which prepares students for energy-industry careers in science and geology, is the only one of its kind in the nation. The program partners with major companies in the oil and energy industry. The University has the only certified veterinary technology program in the state.

Biology is the most popular major at Fort Valley State. The University's acclaimed Biology and Chemistry departments prepare and send more students of African descent to medical and dental schools than any other state school in Georgia.

FVSU's outreach services include Fort Valley's Cooperative Extension Program, through which extension specialists operate in 42 counties. The University works closely with the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Program.

The Pettigrew Conference Center hosts more than 500 classes, seminars, and events for 51,000 patrons each year.

Students have several opportunities for extracurricular involvement at the University, including the marching band, concert choir, and cheerleading. There are more than 30 clubs, sororities, fraternities, and social organizations on campus.

FVSU is a member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The University's varsity athletics



include men's and women's basketball, cross country, tennis, and track and field; women's softball and volleyball; and men's football. FVSU's championship football team has produced many notable professional sports figures.

FVSU's 1,365-acre campus is the second largest in acreage public university in the state. Approximately 80 acres are used for the majority of the campus. Most of the remaining acreage provides for agricultural research and future expansion. The campus has a pleasant blend of architectural styles, dating from the early 1900s, with four buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. The Quadrangle serves as the focal point of the main campus area and the setting for many outdoor activities.

Wildcat Stadium seats 4,578 spectators around a quarter-mile track and a natural turf football field. The Health and Physical Education Complex is a state-of-the-art facility with classrooms, seminar and conference rooms, laboratories, an eight-lane swimming pool, a 5,000-seat arena, courts for basketball and badminton, and an indoor walking track.

About the University System of Georgia

The University System of Georgia is governed by an 18-member Board of Regents. The Board oversees the 35 colleges and universities that comprise the University System of Georgia, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, and the Georgia Public Library System. For more information, visit www.usg.edu.

Fort Valley, Georgia

Fort Valley is a rural, yet energetic and progressive city located near the geographical center of Georgia in Peach County. Located just off I-75, the city is approximately 100 miles south of Atlanta, 25 miles south of Macon, and 18 miles west of Warner Robins, home to Robins Air Force Base. The city is the county seat and has an estimated population of 8,300.



Long known as the Peach Capitol of the World, Fort Valley remains the state's largest peach producing area. Lane Packing Co. operates a sprawling peach packing and retail facility that attracts tourists throughout the year. The city also is the corporate home of the Blue Bird Corporation, one of the nation's largest manufacturers of school buses, and the national headquarters of the American Camellia Society.

While Fort Valley offers quiet tree-lined streets and beautiful historical homes, it also is a city that has been preparing for tremendous growth over the next few years. Many of the downtown business properties have been remodeled and restored.

Fort Valley State University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution and does not discriminate against applicants, students, or employees on the basis of race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability or marital or veteran status.

Application Process

Letters of application and nomination are invited. To apply, submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and four references, to:

FVSU-Dean@myersmcrac.com

The review of applications begins immediately.

It is critical that you apply through the email provided above as additional information on the search timeline is provided in response.

Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting is conducting this search. The consultants are:

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