



FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

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

ANNOUNCES A NATIONAL SEARCH FOR THE

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Fort Valley State University, a unit of the University System of Georgia, seeks an experienced academic administrator to serve as **Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs** and invites nominations and applications.

For best consideration, submit application by March 18, 2016.

The review of applications begins immediately.

Overview of Fort Valley State University

HBCU: One of three HBCU's in the University System of Georgia

Established: 1895 - Fort Valley State is Georgia's only 1890 Land-Grant Institution

Locations: Fort Valley (Historic Campus) and Warner Robins (Center)

Enrollment: 2,695 with 66 percent living on campus

Degrees: 29 undergraduate degree majors; 10 graduate programs

Number of Faculty: 168

Student/Faculty Ratio: 17:1

Academic Units:

- College of Agriculture, Family Sciences, and Technology
- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Education
- College of Graduate Studies and Extended Education

Athletics: NCAA Division II - Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC)



The Opportunity

As the chief academic officer of the University, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs works collaboratively to set the academic vision, provides leadership and direction for all aspects of Fort Valley State's academic programs, and supervises related academic activities, under the guidance of the President.

The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for oversight of the academic programs and policies of the University. In that capacity, the office provides a variety of support services to individual colleges, faculty, and students, including operation of the University's Cooperative Developmental Energy Program (CDEP) and faculty development opportunities.

The Provost and VPAA supervises academic personnel and oversees

the fiscal affairs of four colleges: College of Arts and Sciences; College of Agriculture, Family Sciences, and Technology; College of Education; and the College of Graduate Studies and Extended Education.

Also under the supervision of the Provost and VPAA are the Center for Retention Services, Collaborative and Outreach Programs, Registrar, Library, Honors Program, the Learning Resource Center, Office of Institutional Research, and Testing Center.

The Office of the Provost also serves as the point of contact for external constituents on issues related to academic affairs, such as the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and other accrediting bodies.

Additionally, the Provost and VPAA

Mission Statement

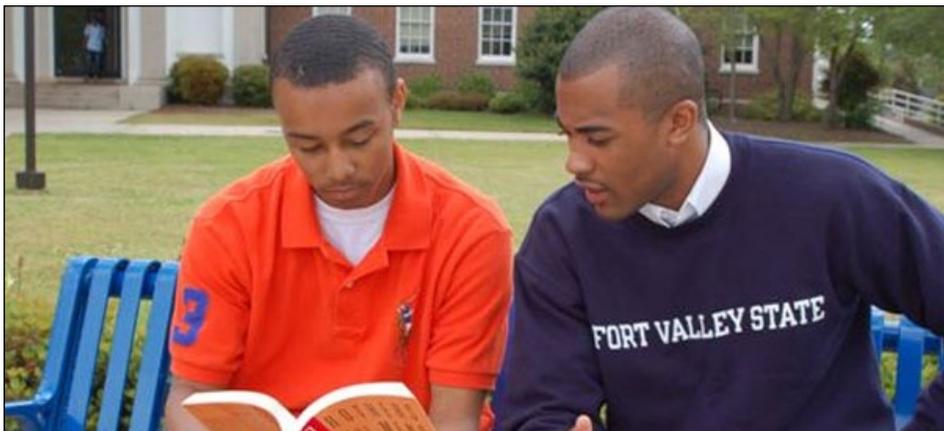
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The mission of Fort Valley State University is to advance the case of education with emphasis upon fulfilling commitments that our community members have undertaken collectively. As an institution of the University System of Georgia, Fort Valley University naturally embraces the principles articulated by the Core Mission Statement for State Universities as approved by the Board of Regents of the University Systems of Georgia. The University's primary commitments include, among others, enhancement of teacher training programs grounded upon a liberal arts foundation, as reflective over 110 years of experience and tradition...

works collaboratively with direct reports to develop and recommend the annual academic budget, ensures fiscal responsibility for use of all funds allocated for educational programs, and collaborates with other senior administrators to create support systems for academic affairs.

The Provost and VPAA develops and supports continuing assessment and improvement of all academic initiatives; supports actively the goals of excellence in all areas of teaching, research, scholarship, and service; and monitors operations and functions supporting academic programs.

The responsibilities of this position include a variety of tasks that contribute to achieving university-wide



goals of increasing visibility, enrollment, and resources. The outcomes of these essential functions also contribute to the University's primary areas of emphasis:

- Ensuring viable academic programs
- Developing new market driven programs
- Collaboratively developing enrollment levels sufficient to support the University's mission
- Establishing a strong campus-wide culture of customer service
- Promoting a student-centered learning environment
- Encouraging excellence and innovation in teaching through the use of technology, and in research and creative activities
- Promoting greater participation in the community
- Supporting external funding initiatives
- Reviewing promotion and tenure policies and procedures
- Recommending promotion tenure, post-tenure, and salary decisions to the President
- Collaborating with Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs system-wide.



educational experience of exceptional quality. The University's mission and educational goals are realized through comprehensive program offerings in each of the four colleges.

The University's more than 2,695 students represent 127 of Georgia's 159 counties, 20 states, and 14 countries. Ninety-three percent of the student body is African American. Two-thirds of the students live on campus, and 80

percent attend college full-time.

The diverse faculty, with 166 full-time members, provides a supportive, yet challenging learning environment that encourages innovation and inspires lifelong learning and the realization of aspirations.

Students benefit from strong mentoring by accessible professors. The close-knit campus community encourages personal and academic growth and establishing lifelong ties that extend well beyond graduation.

The University offers undergraduate and graduate programs in more than 39 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, 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

sufficient to qualify for the rank of full professor in one of the departments of the University

- Experience with online degree programs and distance education programs
- Extensive knowledge of and experience with accreditation processes
- Experience with international programs and curriculum development with a global focus

These qualifications are supplemented by the ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously, with attention to details, deadlines, and making decisions. Additionally, exceptional interpersonal skills, excellent verbal and written communication skills, and a demonstrated commitment to the principles of higher education are required.

About the University

Fort Valley State University was founded in 1895. The University is Georgia's only 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

Requirements

An earned doctorate from a regionally accredited university and a minimum of five years in higher education administration are required. Other requirements include:

- Significant administrative experience at the level of dean or equivalent
- A proven record of teaching, research, and scholarship

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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 department prepares and sends more African American students to medical and dental schools than any other state school in Georgia.

County extension agents and program assistants at Fort Valley State University work personally with residents in nearly 35 counties they serve throughout middle, east, and south Georgia. The Pettigrew Conference Center hosts more than 500 classes, seminars, and events for 51,000 patrons each year.

Students have many opportunities for extracurricular involvement at the University, including the marching band, concert choir, and cheerleading. There are more than 70 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.

SACS Accreditation

Fort Valley State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, baccalaureate, master's and educational specialist degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Fort Valley State University.

University System of Georgia

The University System of Georgia is governed by a 19-member Board of Regents. The Board oversees the public colleges and universities that comprise the University System of Georgia and has oversight of the Georgia Archives and the Georgia Public Library System.

Applications & Nominations

Confidential inquiries are welcomed; nominations are invited.

1. To Apply - Application packet must include:

- A letter of interest
- Current curriculum vitae
- At least five references with full contact information
- Your answers to the questions at:

www.myersmcrac.com/skins/userfiles/file/MMQuestions.pdf

2. Submit application packet to: FVSU-Provost@myersmcrac.com

Nominations should include contact information on the individual being nominated. Nomination should be submitted to the above email.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For best consideration, submit application materials by **March 18, 2016**.

Emily Parker Myers, CEO, and **Alan Medders**, President, of **Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting** are assisting Fort Valley State University with this search.



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