



Invites Applications and Nominations for

Dean of the School of Teacher Education

Savannah State University, a unit of the University System of Georgia, seeks an experienced academic administrator to serve as **Dean of the School of Teacher Education**. Nominations and applications are now being accepted.

Savannah, Georgia

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The Opportunity

Reporting to the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, the Dean serves as the chief academic officer in the School of Teacher Education (SOTE) and is responsible for providing strategic direction and administrative oversight.

The Dean of the School of Teacher Education provides leadership for the unit and works collaboratively with deans of the other units to ensure continuity with university-wide initiatives and to develop community partners.

In addition to articulating the vision for the school, the Dean oversees its resource allocation and management, including fiscal/budgetary issues and workload, the delivery of instructional programs, scholarly activity and service, advancement and fundraising, and recruitment of students.

In this leadership role, the Dean:

- Prepares annual budget

requests and annual report

- Represents the school to the university community and external constituencies
- Oversees and ensures continuation of national and state accreditations for programs within the school
- Maintains the highest quality in associated programs through student outcomes assessment
- Leads in the establishment of partnerships with local, regional, state, and national partners in education (especially STEM education)
- Supervises, develops, and directs faculty and staff, including participating in their recruitment, hiring, and performance planning and review
- Conducts periodic program reviews
- Participates in school-level promotion and tenure decisions
- Provides leadership, support, and encouragement for diversity among faculty, students, staff,

curriculum, and programs

- Provides direction for innovative and integrated curriculum development
- Develops new academic initiatives
- Provides leadership in outreach efforts
- Seeks opportunities to communicate the mission, goals, and availability of the school throughout the region
- Forms partnerships and alliances that are mutually beneficial
- Develops the School's capacity to respond quickly and effectively to opportunities that provide visibility, prestige, and financial rewards
- Serves on university committees and performs related duties as required

Requirements

A terminal degree or equivalent from an accredited institution in education is required. The position carries faculty status, so the successful candidate must possess credentials equivalent to that of full professor.

Candidates must have ten years of higher education teaching experience with five years of higher education administration experience preferred and a minimum of three years of K-12 teaching experience preferred. Additionally, experience in development of public/private partnerships is preferred.

Other qualifications include:

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- Demonstrated commitment to diversity/multiculturalism
- Experience with whole person education, and alignment with the values of the educational philosophy of SSU
- Demonstrated commitment to academic excellence and enhancement of faculty role
- Scholarly or professional competence with a record of publication and/or equivalent activity
- Demonstrated ability to successfully build and maintain networks and relationships with communities, schools, professional groups, and other external agencies
- Demonstrated ability to provide direction and support for developing and refining new academic initiatives
- Well-developed collaborative, organizational, management, and interpersonal skills
- Expertise in state and national accreditation for education programs, especially Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) and/or Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE)
- Experience with extramural funding opportunities and management of grants from pre-award to post-award implementation

The School of Teacher Education

Savannah State's School of Teacher Education (SOTE) began

accepting students in Fall 2013. The School is the organizational unit for the STEM-focused teacher education programs, TRIO Programs, and the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP).

The School of Teacher Education, in collaboration with the College of Sciences and Technology, offers students an opportunity to become certified teachers. Students pursuing a four-year degree in biology, civil engineering technology, electronic engineering technology or mathematics can choose a concentration or secondary education track leading to certification in grades 6-12.

Additionally, students interested in teaching in middle grades 4-8 (Language Arts, Mathematics, Reading, Science, or Social Science), can pursue the Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Middle School Teacher

Education. This degree option is in cooperation with Armstrong State University, also located in Savannah.

Candidates in Teacher Education complete field experiences and clinical practices that integrate theory and practice in classroom settings. Graduates who complete the degree programs will be teachers with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to serve the diverse educational needs of students in grades 6-12 in the state of Georgia and globally.

TRIO Programs are Federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO at Savannah State University includes three programs (Educational Talent Search, Student Support Services, and Upward Bound). These programs are designed to primarily serve and assist low-income individuals,



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first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs.

GEAR UP is a discretionary grant program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP provides six-year grants to states and partnerships to provide services at high-poverty middle and high schools. GEAR UP grantees serve an entire cohort of students beginning no later than the seventh grade and follow the cohort through high school.

The School of Teacher Education is an approved Education Preparation Program by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

About Savannah State University

Founded in 1890, Savannah State University holds the distinction as the oldest public historically black university in Georgia. While meeting the educational needs of an increasingly diverse student population today, Savannah State serves the community and region with distinction. The University provides a comprehensive higher education experience that adds value to the academic, personal, social, and cultural growth of its students.

The University's mission and educational goals are realized through comprehensive program



offerings in the College of Business Administration, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the College of Sciences and Technology, and the School of Teacher Education that lead to 22 baccalaureate majors and degrees and four graduate degrees. The University has several new programs in the high-need professional fields, such as the STEM disciplines (sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics).

The University aggressively seeks funds from federal sources, including NIH and NSF research and program development grants. Presently, the institution has approximately \$35 million in annual grants funding, which supports curriculum enhancement, faculty and student research, student scholarships, presentations at conference, and other scholarly activity.

Savannah State's 4,600 students

are provided a supportive yet challenging learning environment with opportunities to establish close student-faculty relationships and relevant social/professional networks. In addition to its academic support programs and extracurricular activities, the University has exhibits, performances, sport teams, concerts, and community volunteer service projects geared to improving relationships with neighborhoods in the greater Savannah area.

Savannah State is a member of the NCAA Division I AA. The University fields teams in Men's football, basketball, baseball, track and field, and golf, and in Women's basketball, softball, tennis, cross country, track and field, volleyball, and golf.

The Campus

The University is located on a beautiful 173-acre tract adjacent to a salt-marsh estuary. The campus is approximately five miles from the Historic District of Savannah, which

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is one of the largest registered urban National Historic Landmark districts in the United States, and 20 minutes from the beaches of Tybee Island.

Resplendent with moss-laden oak trees, expansive marsh, and historic architecture, Savannah State has been deemed the most picturesque campus in the state of Georgia. Yet, it is a vibrant, nurturing environment that celebrates its African-American heritage and legacy while embracing a diverse community of faculty and student scholars and learners.

About Savannah, Georgia

Savannah State University is located in Savannah, Georgia, a historic city with a revered past, a vibrant present, and an exciting future. With nearly 300,000 area residents, the city has maintained steady growth, with the economy based mainly on ports, manufacturing, tourism, and the military. The city offers a high quality of life and a family-friendly lifestyle.

About the University System of Georgia

The University System of Georgia is governed by a 19-member Board of Regents. The Board oversees the 30 colleges and universities that comprise the University System of Georgia, as well as the Georgia Archives, and The Georgia Public Library System. For more information, visit www.usg.edu.



Savannah State University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer.

Applications & Nominations

Confidential inquiries are welcomed and nominations are invited. Include the name, current position, e-mail address, and phone number of the individual being nominated.

To Apply: Application materials should include a cover letter addressing how the candidate's experience matches the position requirements, a resume, and contact information for at least four references.

Nominations and application materials must be submitted to:

SSU-Dean@myersmcrac.com

For best consideration, submit application materials by May 25, 2015.
Search remains open until the position is filled.

Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting is assisting the Savannah State University with this search. The consultant team leaders are:

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