



Leadership Statement:
PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
Florida Polytechnic University

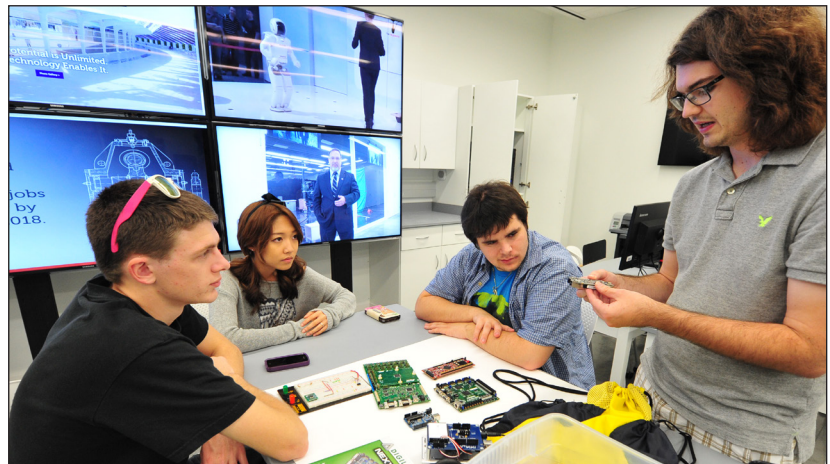
The Opportunity

Florida Polytechnic University, the newest member of the State University System of Florida, invites nominations and applications for the position of Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs. Reporting directly to the President, the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible for advancing the University's curriculum, providing leadership to faculty, overseeing research and the development of new institutes, and managing the processes through which teaching is conducted and administered. The Provost ensures the curriculum appropriately reflects the University's mission and remains ever current in terms of disciplines and delivery.

The University

Florida Polytechnic University is the 12th and newest member of the State University System of Florida and the only one dedicated exclusively to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

As a brand-new university, Florida Poly offers the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a campus, curriculum and culture from the ground up. Senior leaders support an environment in which risks are rewarded independent of success, engagement is encouraged at all levels, everyone is valued and change is assumed to be constant. In this unique atmosphere, faculty, staff and students are changing the shape of higher education.



Dedicated exclusively to the core STEM subjects of Technology and Engineering, Florida Poly is founded on the principle that innovation occurs when research and creativity are applied to real-world problem solving. The University's hands-on, project-based curriculum includes six undergraduate programs, two master's programs and 19 concentrations in emerging fields like Health Informatics, Nanotechnology, Cyber Security and Big Data. More than 90 industry partners are invited to submit business challenges, which students and faculty tackle together through applied research in 26 high-tech learning spaces and 11 innovation labs, including a cyber security lab, 3D printing lab and supercomputing lab. The University is expecting to reach a student population of 1,244 in fall 2016 and is recruiting more than 70 new faculty members over the next two years. It has a goal of having at least 10% of its students graduate as entrepreneurs.

Located in Lakeland, halfway between Tampa and Orlando, Florida Poly's ultra-modern campus is at the heart of the I-4 High Tech Corridor, home to 11,000 high-tech businesses and counting. This central Florida community combines small town comfort with big city culture. World-class theme parks, beaches, professional sports teams and thriving performing arts venues are all within a 45-minute drive. Polk County – Florida's largest – has more than 600,000 residents, four universities and one state college. The University's main campus building, designed by Dr. Santiago Calatrava, has received worldwide recognition and 22 awards for its architecture and construction.

The Vision and Mission Statements of the University are hereby noted....

Vision Statement

Florida Polytechnic University will be a world-renowned “University of Innovation” for producing a dynamic pool of info-tech talent with real-world solutions and the capacity to lead global high-tech industries through customized undergraduate and graduate STEM-enriched academic curriculum, operating space and facilities, entrepreneurial research and interactive business industry partnerships.



Mission Statement

The mission of Florida Polytechnic University is to prepare 21st century learners in advanced fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to become innovative problem-solvers and high-tech professionals through interdisciplinary teaching, leading-edge research and collaborative local, regional and global partnerships.

The Position

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- Serve as chief administrative officer in the absence of the President as instructed;
- Supervise all matters relating to curriculum, research and instruction in the University, including outreach, evening and summer courses, scheduling and overloads;
- Responsible for academic programs, academic policy, budget and strategic planning, representing the University to external bodies and academic planning;
- Oversee faculty and academic staff recruitment and development activities; partner with our faculty and staff to continue to draw talented individuals to the University;
- Establish priorities and plans for research and program development as well as faculty recruitment and development
- Provide advisory recommendations to the President on all academic appointments and promotion matters, and ensure that such processes comply with the terms of faculty bargaining agreements;
- Oversee development and implementation of academic strategic planning;
- Provide academic input to institutional enrollment management efforts;
- Coordinate periodic academic program review and accreditation, and work with department leaders in the review, study and development of curriculum and in the improvement of instruction;
- Initiate and direct divisional reviews and serve as ex-officio member of division groups in matters pertaining to curriculum and instruction;





- Work in close cooperation with the academic senate and other faculty governance bodies.
- Operate as both academic and business leader; collaborates effectively and collegially with all departments in the University;
- Perform other duties as assigned by the President;
- Responsible for the development and adherence to Academic Affairs budget and oversight responsibility for all academic and information management, library and research areas.

Preferred Qualifications

- Demonstrated academic leadership;
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills and good judgment;
- Ability to formulate and articulate sound policies;
- Ability to identify, resolve and consult on a wide range of administrative and personnel issues with a clear sense of institutional needs and priorities;
- Strong organizational and management skills;
- Ph.D. in an appropriate area of specialization;
- Meaningful experience at the Chair, Dean or above level, preferably including development and administration of curriculum, budget, personnel, strategic planning and the use of technology in higher education.

Application Process

Florida Polytechnic University has retained R. William Funk & Associates to consult with the Search Committee and President on this important search.

While applications and nominations will be accepted until a new Provost is selected, interested parties are encouraged to send their materials to our consultant at the address below by April 15 to assure optimal consideration. Application materials include a current resume and a letter of interest.

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City of Lakeland, Florida Website
<http://www.lakelandgov.net/>
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<http://www.rwilliamfunk.com>