



**Dean of the College of Applied Studies  
Wichita State University  
Wichita, Kansas**

Wichita State University (WSU), the premier urban, public research university in Kansas, seeks a visionary, engaged, and collaborative leader to be the next Dean of the College of Applied Studies (CAS).

Founded in 1895, WSU has a keen focus on student success, applied learning, and innovative faculty with a deep commitment to the Wichita community as a driver in workforce development. It is a growth-minded university where collaboration and creativity shape the future of education, with an entrepreneurial spirit embedded in its foundation. CAS is a unique unit blending departments that touch all aspects of Pre-K-12 education, educational administration, sport management, organizational leadership and learning, counseling program tracks that include several counseling fields, athletic training, and exercise science with collaboration, technology, and a focus on student success as foundational markers of excellence. The regional impact of CAS is significant and vital as it graduates more than half of the teachers and administrators working in Wichita schools. CAS takes this charge seriously as it creates new and inventive ways to support its undergraduate and graduate students through experiential learning opportunities and innovative classroom and lab experiences that directly impact the community. It is an exciting moment in time as CAS has experienced great success and is poised for additional growth in enrollment, research funding, and philanthropic support as the next Dean steps into a collaborative culture that is driven by its [Core Values](#).

The Dean's primary responsibility is to advance the academic quality and profile of CAS through visionary leadership, strategic planning, interdisciplinary collaboration, ethical governance, and skillful human and financial resource management. The Dean is charged with advancing the educational and research agendas of four diverse academic units within CAS and closely collaborating with the faculty and leaders across WSU to enhance the University's educational impact on campus and in the region while ensuring the College remains student-centered, innovation-driven, and entrepreneurial-focused. A deep personal commitment to and demonstrated track record of actively supporting and promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion is a priority. In line with the University's strategic plan and priorities, the Dean will work with the President's Executive Team to advance WSU as an innovative university by focusing on increasing enrollment, developing new online and hybrid educational experiences, applied learning, funded research, improvement of facilities, and digital transformation. The Dean will also be responsible for ongoing fundraising efforts in close partnership with the WSU Foundation.

Wichita State University has retained Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, to assist the Dean of the College of Applied Studies Search Committee in its identification and review of candidates. Inquiries, referrals, and resumes accompanied by a cover letter should be sent in confidence to:

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