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Sacred Heart University, (Fairfield, CT) one of the country's fastest-growing universities and the second-largest Catholic university in New England, invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean of the Isabelle Farrington College of Education (FCE).

The Dean will lead the College to higher levels of achievement and demonstrate a spirit of innovation, a participatory leadership philosophy and a deep commitment to the mission of the University. He or she must be a demonstrated leader, able to articulate a clear vision and strategy for the College; promote academic rigor; drive the development of new academic programs; foster a collegial and collaborative ethos that capitalizes on the richness of the SHU community; and encourage a continued commitment to professional excellence and growth. The Dean will advocate for the FCE's interests within and outside the University, engage and serve the local and regional educational community and establish and maintain excellent relationships with the local schools and the community of teachers and administrators. The College provides graduate certification and degree programs in initial and advanced educator preparation for Connecticut's PK-12 schools.

As the academic and administrative leader of the College, the Dean will foster a strong sense of community that is closely tied to and extends the commitment to the Catholic intellectual tradition. He or she will be charged with developing a compelling and innovative vision for the future, taking full advantage of the collaborative opportunities afforded by the College's location on Sacred Heart's new West Campus, where the College of Education will be co-located with the academic programs in Computer Science, Computer Engineering and Business and a proposed innovation hub. The Dean will lead development of a Strategic Plan through a participatory process and will have the appropriate background and experience to ensure full and robust adherence to all aspects of the state and national accreditation standards to which the College and the University are committed. The successful candidate will be able to move the College to national recognition of excellence. The position begins no later than July 1, 2018.

Inquiries, nominations and applications are invited. Review of applications will begin in October, and will continue until the position is filled. For fullest consideration, applicant materials should be received by October 16, 2017. Candidates should provide a *curriculum vitae*, a letter of application that addresses the responsibilities and requirements described in the Leadership Statement and the names and contact information of five references. References will not be contacted without prior knowledge and approval of candidates. These materials should be sent electronically via e-mail to Sacred Heart University's consultants Sheila Murphy and Alexis Von Kunes Newton at [SHUDeanEd@wittkieffer.com](mailto:SHUDeanEd@wittkieffer.com). The consultants can be reached by telephone via Candice Jones at 630-575-6929.

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