Search for the Dean of the Graduate School of Education
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
New Brunswick, New Jersey

THE SEARCH
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (Rutgers), seeks a collaborative, innovative, and dynamic leader to serve as the next dean of the Graduate School of Education (GSE). Positioned within one of the highest-ranked, most diverse public research institutions in the country and led by top experts in the field, this is a compelling opportunity to lead the GSE, which has driven and championed revolutionary change in education for 100 years. The new dean will join the GSE at a time of significant momentum, celebrating its centennial and impact.

Founded as the eighth oldest college in the United States, Rutgers has a rich history. Established in 1766 as Queen's College, Rutgers is one of only nine U.S. institutions of higher education chartered before the American Revolution. Today, Rutgers is a research powerhouse, the top public university in New Jersey, a member of the Association of American Universities, and among the most diverse institutions in the Big Ten Academic Alliance. In 1923, the School of Education was created out of what was then a college department. The school evolved over the years, and as graduate programs continued to grow, in 1960, the School of Education became the Graduate School of Education in name and practice. Today, the Graduate School of Education is ranked #43 in the 2023-24 U.S. News & World Report Best Graduate Schools in Education. The GSE remains the highest-ranked graduate school of education in New Jersey and the only graduate school of education in the state with a ranking in the Top 50.

For a century, the GSE has advanced excellence and equity in education by creating, disseminating, and using knowledge to improve education— including learning and teaching, and preparing generations of graduates to serve society as transformative educational scholars, practitioners, and leaders. With 1,024 students in doctoral, master’s, and non-degree programs, the GSE boasts world-class faculty in three academic departments—Educational Psychology; Educational Theory, Policy, and Administration; and Learning and Teaching—collectively offering more than 80 graduate degree programs, plus certificate, endorsement, and continuing education programs. Known for its prowess in research, seven distinguished centers and institutes provide homes for faculty, students, and staff to advance research and inform best practices in education, from better learning in local communities to research-based educational policymaking locally, nationally, and farther afield.

Reporting to the Chancellor of Rutgers University-New Brunswick, overseeing 119 full-time faculty and staff, and an operating budget of over $33.19 million, the dean will serve as a vital member of the New Brunswick academic leadership team and will lead the GSE at a critical moment in the nation’s educational history. This dean will be asked to develop a forward-thinking and inclusive vision and strategy; advance GSE’s commitment to diversity, equity, and social justice; bolster the school’s infrastructure; strengthen its shared governance; and further foster scholarship, research, fundraising, and external partnerships.
Rutgers has engaged the services of Isaacson, Miller, a national executive search firm, in this recruitment effort. Confidential applications, inquiries, and nominations may be directed to:

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